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Soviet Method For Peace On Frontier

Bombay Renews Pledge Of Independence

PHERIS & PROCESSIONS PARADE STREETS

Thousands Gather To Reaffirm Resolve To Achieve Goal

"Independence Day" was celebrated in the city on Tuesday with great enthusiasm. From early morning Prabhat Pheris on foot and bicycles carrying the National Flag, shouting slogans and singing national songs paraded the streets. This was followed by flag salutations at the Congress House and in the different parts of the City.

Processions were taken out culminating in largely attended public meetings all over the City where the pledge specially drawn up by the Bombay Provincial Congress Committee was read in different languages.

Thousands of men and women, of all classes, communities and creeds renewed the grim resolve taken on the banks of the Ravi seven years ago and solemnly reaffirmed on the 26th January 1930 by the entire nation.

The following is the pledge taken by the people of Bombay:—

"Once again on this Historic Day, we reaffirm our resolve to achieve complete Independence for our Motherland. That resolve, solemnly made, years back on the banks of the Ravi, is engraved on our hearts, and no power on earth can efface it. We pledge ourselves once again to do everything in our power, consistently with our creed, so that 'Poorna Swaraj' may soon become an accomplished fact."

Thousands of men, women and children belonging to all communities gathered on the Chaupati sands on Tuesday evening to pledge themselves under the National Tri-Colour flying aloft to the creed of Complete Independence for India and to strive towards achieving that goal.

It was a solemn occasion. The pledge was read in all languages, and without a murmur thousands of hands were raised in approval of the new resolve. No speeches were made

Among those present at the meeting were Messrs. K. F. Nariman, S. A. Brelvi, Nagindas Master, S. K. Patil, G. N. Desai, K. M. Munshi, Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Mrs. Hansa Mehta, Mrs. Avantikabai Gokhale, Mrs. Safia Khan, Messrs M. R. Masani, Yusuf Meherally and others.

Some processions taken out by the different Congress Committees arrived in time to take part in the Independence Pledge taking ceremony.

Lady volunteers under Mrs. Safia Khan and the Bombay National Guards under Mr. K. N. Gaitonde were in charge of maintaining order at the meeting.

NARIMAN READS PLEDGE.

At exactly 6-30, Mr. K. F. Nariman got up amidst the acclamation of all assembled and said that the meeting had been called to observe the Independence Day. The Orders of the President of the Congress were that there should be no speeches made on the occasion but only the pledge should be read in all languages and get the approval of those present. Mr. Nariman then read the following "Independence Pledge for 1937" in English:—

THE PLEDGE.

"Once again on this Historic Day, we reaffirm our resolve to achieve Complete Independence for our Motherland. That resolve solemnly made years back, on the banks of the Ravi, is engraved on our hearts and no power on earth can efface it. We pledge ourselves once again to do everything in our power, consistently with our creed, so that "Poorna Swaraj" may soon become an accomplished fact."

Mrs. Hansa Mehta read the Hindi translation, Mr. Nagindas Master the Gujerati Translation, Mr. S. A. Brelvi the Urdu translation and Mr. S. K. Patil the Marathi translation of the above Pledge.

ALL FOR IT.

Mr. Nariman then asked the audience if all of them approved of the Pledge and pledged themselves to win Complete Independence of India. The hand of everyone present shot up signifying their approval. There was not a single hand raised, when asked if there was anyone who was against the Pledge.

Mr. Nariman declared the Pledge approved by a public meeting of the Citizens of Bombay unanimously amidst the applause of all present. The declaration was greeted with cries of "Vande Mataram." and "Inqullab Zindabad.'

The "Vande Mataram" song was sung, all standing and the meeting was dissolved.

Similar meetings were held in A, E, F and G Wards.

IN "F" WARD

"Independence Day" was observed in the 'F' ward on Tuesday with great enthusiasm. Early in the morning a dozen volunteers on bicycles decorated with 'Vote Congress" placards paraded the streets shouting National slogans.

This was followed by Flag Salutation at Motilal Chowk, Parel Village. Mr. S. B. Mahadeshwar unfurled the National Tri-colour and Messrs Madan Shetty, S. D. Patil, L. V. Kondaya and the Secretary of the 'F' ward Congress Committee addressed the gathering on the significance of the "Independence Day" and the Congress programme regarding legislatures and the national struggle.

In the evening a largely attended public meeting was held at Wadala where Mr. Jinabhai Joshi, who presided, read out the Independence Pledge prepared by the B.P.C.C. Messrs Mahadeshwar, S. D. Patil and the Secretary of the Ward Congress Committee spoke on the nation's resolve to win complete independence for the country. They also stressed on the need for complete support for the Congress candidates in the elections.

AT WADALA

There was a Flag Salutation ceremony in the morning at Wadala. Mr. W. D. Warang unfurled the flag on the occasion.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru addressing a huge mass meeting at Muttra in connection with the Congress election campaign.

Police "Forts" In U. P. Villages

Jawahar On Shadow Of Coming Events

(From Our Correspondent.)

ALLAHABAD, January 26.

Fifty thousand gathered in Purshottamdas Park to-day evening to take the Independence Pledge and hear the Congress President speak. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru read a brief independence pledge, reiterating the old pledge and the audience, repeated the same pledge. Pandit Nehru referred to their resolve of independence and urged them to carry on the fight till it was achieved.

Pandit Nehru said, that it was not their policy to break the orders at present. He pointed out that the Government' ban was only a shadow of coming events. It showed the strength of Congress was increasing.

POLICE FORTS

Pandit Nehru further said, today when he went to the villages, he saw large police forces everywhere. He did not know whether Government had decided to celebrate Independence Day in that manner (laughter). Pandit Nehru said he was struck by the manner in which the new police stations had been constructed in rural areas. Police stations in villages of Allahabad District presented the appearance of "Forts". Ditches had been dug around and arrangements for drawbridges made. Holes had been made in the walls of buildings.

AT BENARES

BENARES, Jan. 26.

Benares observed Independence Day in a befitting manner. In the morning the Flag hoisting ceremony was performed in the Congress Office.

In the evening a large procession was taken out from the Congress Office, and passed through the main roads of the city and terminated at Ghoraghat where a huge public meeting was held. Mr. Sampurnanand and other leaders were present at the meeting.—United Press.

PATNA'S LOYALTY TO FREEDOM'S CAUSE

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Independence Day was celebrated at Patna by holding a meeting this evening on the Congress Maidan at which Mr. Jayaprakash Narayan, Congress Socialist Leader, who was presiding, exhorted the audience to work for realising their goal, namely "Swaraj". Proceeding, he said that the Congress had in no way relaxed its activities; rather it was gaining a greater hold on the people as the last Faizpur session amply demonstrated.

The meeting passed a resolution reiterating adherence to the cause of freedom.—A. P.

AT CAWNPORE

CAWNPORE, January 26.

Mr. Bulabhai Desai, leader of the Congress Party in the Assembly, who arrived here yesterday, addressed three meetings in the City, one of students at the Tilak Hall and another of labourers at Gwatli and a third public meeting at Hatia Bazaar.

Exhorting the people to support the Congress, he said that in the Great War thousands of Indians had sacrificed for the freedom of another country. It was all the more necessary that they should fight for the freedom of their own country. The Congress by winning the election would show its strength to the world.

Mr. Desai left last night for Jhansi.—A.P.

The Third article in "Towards Successful Life" series has had to be held over owing to pressure on space. It will be published in an early issue.

Mrs. Naidu Criticises Ban

LUCKNOW, January 26.

Excepting that the Independence Pledge was not read, all the other ceremonies connected with Independence Day were held here as usual. Mr. C. B. Gupta performed the Flag Hoisting ceremony, and Mrs. Sarojini Naidu addressed five meetings.

At Amin-ud-Daula Park, referr-

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POLITICAL VENGEANCE

Famous Russian Murdered In Broad Day Light In Paris

PARIS, Jan. 26.

The press discussing the murder of a well-known Russian economist and journalist, M. Navachin, who was shot in broad day light in the Bois de Boulogne, unanimously opine that the murder was political.

The newspapers, according to their political complexion, variously attribute it to Trotskyists in order to prevent evidence against themselves in the Moscow trial, or to the OGPU because, they assert. M. Navachin had evidence proving that the prisoners are innocent, while some declare that the German Secret Police were responsible because M. Navachin was alleged to have had important information about Germany's military preparations and aims.—Reuter.

GILBERT SLATER'S PROSPOSAL

Lesson That Britain May Learn From Soviet

(From Our Own Correspondent)

LONDON, Jan. 26.

Professor Gilbert Slater of the Oxford University has addressed a letter to the "Manchester Guardian" drawing attention to the Soviet method of establishing peace, prosperity and mutual amity among previously turbulent tribes on the Caucasus range which, he opines, carries a lesson for the British Government in regard to the North-west Frontier.

Prof. Slater points out that on the Frontier there was a similar mountain area inhabited by equally turbulent tribes and, instead of waging a perpetual war against them, Government would do well by adopting the Soviet method of weaning such folk from their ancestral habits and winning them over to civilised ways of living by developing the natural resources of their country, building schools and establishing effective health services.

Public care for women and children would also be more sensible, profitable in the long run and most creditable to the Government that uses it, the British method of relying upon terrorism.

Congress Victory In Bengal & Orissa

CAPTURES 13 OUT OF 16 SEATS IN FORMER

Bihar Forecasts Nation's Nominees Will Top Polls

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

A Jalpaiguri message says that Mr. Narendra Narain Chakrabarty, Congress nominee, has been declared elected to the Bengal Legislative Assembly from Pabna-cum-Bogra General Constituency.

Report comes from Nowgong (Assam) conveying the news of another Congress victory in the elections to the Assam Legislative Assembly, the successful candidate being Mr. Mohi Chandra Bora, who defeated Rai Bahadur Brindaban Goswami, the Sitting Member.

VICTORY AT BALASORE

Message comes from Cuttack that Swami Vichitrananda Das, Congress nominee from Cuttack Central General Constituency was declared elected to the Orissa Legislative Assembly, having secured 6,574 votes as against 1,830 secured by his rival Rai Bahadur Madhab Misra of the United Party.

The Balasore Rural Constituency also returned the Congress nominee Mr. Mukund Das, who secured 6,633 votes as against 163 only, polled in favour of Mr. Surendra Nath Patnaik (Independent).—United Press.

CONGRESS LEADS EVERYWHERE IN BIHAR

Successes Evoke Enmity: Free Use Of Lathis Against Workers

PATNA. Jan. 26.

The Provincial Congress Committee office has received following telegrams from places mentioned below:

DUMKA.—"Congress leads everywhere. Congress workers were assaulted at Nonihat and Assanbani."

SASARAM.—"Opposition gathering strength due to Raja Saheb badly interfering. Breach of peace apprehended."

WARISALGANJ, GAYA DIST.—Fouzdari took place in election. Congress office looted."

NASRIGANJ, SASARAM.—"Opposition freely using lathis against Congress workers many of whom injured. Feeling is tense."

RAGHUNATHPORE: — "Opposition tearing flags, disturbing election work."

BOKARO, HAZARIBAG.—"Official interference in voting."

DHAKA, CHAMPARAN.—"Thumping majority."

DALSINGHSARAI, DARBHANGA: —"Opposition has assaulted Congress workers rendering one senseless."

MONGHYR.—"All round success. Overwhelming majority." So far as Patna is concerned, Congress is leading everywhere in election contest.—United Press.

TWO MORE CONGRESS VICTORIES

Bengal Election Results

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Two more Congress victories were obtained in the persons of Mr. Kamal Krishna Roy, ex-Secretary of the Bengal Provincial Congress Committee from the Bankura General Rural Constituency and of Mr. Gourhari Shore, President of the Hooghly District Congress Committee, from the Hughly North East General Constituency.

As against these two Congress victories, there are two Congress defeats from 24-Parganas North Rural Constituency and from the Backerganj Rural General Constituency.

In all out of 16 constituencies of which results have been announced so far, Congress candidates have come out successful in 13 and lost 3.—United Press.

CONGRESS VICTORIES IN ORISSA

CUTTACK, Jan. 26.

The Congress has secured four more seats in the Orissa Legislative Assembly. Mr. Chakradhar Behara and Mr. Girija Bhusan Dutta, both Congress nominees were declared elected to-day from the East Bhadrak General and Angul constituencies respectively, while two other Congress nominees Messrs. Divakar Patnaik and Kashi Viswanath Raju were elected from the Berhampore Rural Constituency.—United Press.

Sibnath Banerjee Elected

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Sibnath Banerjee, President of the All-India Trade Union Congress and a member of the All-India Congress Committee, was declared elected to the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day from the Howrah Labour Constituency, defeating his rival candidates by an overwhelming majority.

Mr. Sibnath Banerjee secured 20,197 votes while among his rivals Mr. T. Faiz Ahmed (All-India Trade Union Federation) got 3,925 votes; Mr. P. K. Mitter 1,049 votes and Mr. B. Mukherjee 362 votes.—United Press.

POSITION OF PARTIES

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Maharaj Kumar Udaychand Mahtab has been returned to the Bengal Legislative Assembly from Burdwan Central (Rural) General with 33,421 votes, defeating the Congress nominee who polled 23,344.

The Associated Press understands that the following is the party position in connection with the elections to the Assembly so far, including those returned unopposed:—

Congress	13
Moslem League	10
Proja Party	9
Independent Hindu	21
Independent Muslim	18
European	24
Hindu Nationalist	2

—A. P.

Congress Harijan Scores

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

The first Congress defeat in Bengal was recorded to-day when Mr. Jitendra Choudhury lost to Rai Jogesh Chandra Sen Bahadur, M.L.C., Independent in Twenty-Four Parganas South East General Rural Constituency.

The Rai Bahadur is the Chairman of the 24 Parganas District Board for a large number of years

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Wanted a well-to-do educated young bridegroom for an educated Hindu girl of 16. Apply Jugjivan, C/o. 948, Amrai Camp, Poona 4. (7663).

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Wanted—For the Bleaching and Dyeing Department, a B.Sc., or M.Sc. Technology, Manchester specialised in Dyeing and Bleaching. Salary Rs. 200-20-300. Apply Box No. 4748, "Bombay Chronicle."

Wanted Matrics, Non-Matrics, Typists, Lawyers, Doctors, Graduates, Teachers, Overseers, Subovereers and Engineers to consult Hastings & Co., Fatehpuri Road, Delhi. (7664).

Wanted—Paid organiser on Rs. 60 p.m. with increments and office expenses to organise a scheme that brings Rs. 40,000 to individuals. No security and guarantee required. P. B. 10009, Calcutta. (7658)

Wanted a lady teacher, knowing Gujarati with high academic qualifications for the Sarvajanik High School for Girls, Surat. The scale of salary is 150—10—250. One with previous experience and high qualifications may be given a higher start than the minimum within the scale. Apply before 1st March, 1937, stating age, qualifications and teaching and administrative experience to the Hon. Secretary, S. E. Society, Surat. (4604).

Wanted Unemployed 50 Graduates and Clerks to learn short-hand, Typewriting. Written guarantee of posts to every student. Consult: Brentford Shorthand School, 31, Forbes Street, Fort. (7654)

Wanted—A L. C. P. S. for the Mansinghji Hospital, Palitana State. Apply stating age caste, experience and minimum salary expected, before 28th February, 1937, to the Chief Medical Officer Palitana State (Kathiawar). (4749)

Wanted—A Graduate Stenographer—Salary Rs. 50—5—80—Efficiency Bar 5/2—100 per month. One with considerable experience in a commercial concern, if found suitable, may be given a higher start in the above grade. Apply with full particulars and copies of testimonials to the Office Asstt., Calico Mills, Ahmedabad. (4726).

20. OFFICES TO LET.

One office room. Apply Mr. Mistry, Architect, 3—4 p.m., Kothari Mansion, opp. G. P. O. (7661).

44. MEDICAL.

Ankhi Khoosh Eye Drop, For Sore, inflamed, watering eyes, styes, conjunctivitis (Ophthalmia). Recommended by All India Blind Relief Association. Boon for students, motorists, cinema-goers. At Kemp, Thomson, and all chemists. 7625.

99. MACHINERY WANTED.

Wanted—A second hand Anderson Oil Expeller in perfect working order. Please correspond with Ch. Tirath Ram Ishwar Das, Sargodha. 7601.

MACHINERY FOR SALE

Important To Ink Manufacturers. For Sale, One brand new Micro-Twin Refining Mill for Ink Grinding with Iron Rolls for water cooling, equipped with electrical drivings. One "Perfect" Mixer with electrical drivings. Prepared to sell at sacrifice. Apply to: Nadirshaw Kawasjee, 121, Esplanade Road, Bombay. (7648)

154. MISCELLANEOUS FOR SALE.

For Sale—Typewriter, "Imperial" Portable almost new, used very little in private work, available for Rs. 110. No offer. Unique opportunity. Box No. 7664, "Bombay Chronicle."

156 MISCELLANEOUS.

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Public Notices.

NOTICE TO JURYMEN.

GENTLEMEN of the Special Jury, summoned for the current criminal Sessions are required to attend at the High Court on WEDNESDAY, the 27th Instant at 10-45 A.M. (S.T.)

A. G. GRAY,
Sheriff of Bombay.
Bombay, 26th January, 1937.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that one certificate for five ordinary shares Nos. 12296/12300 of The Lansdowne Jute Co., Ltd., standing in the joint names of Bhikhabhai Chaturbhai & Harilal Chaturbhai has been lost or mislaid and the application for the issue of duplicate certificate in respect thereof, has been made to the Company's Managing Agents, Messrs. Bird & Co., Calcutta, to whom objections if any should be made within one month from the date below mentioned. The public are cautioned against dealing in any way with these shares.

BHIKHABHAI CHATURBHAI,
HARILAL CHATURBHAI.
The 26th Jan. 1937.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION

IV.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Notice has been given, under Section 36(n) of the Municipal Act, for a motion to the following effect being placed before the Corporation when the Budget Estimates for the year 1937-38 are discussed:—

By Mr. Yusuf J. Meherally—For reducing the annual compounded tax for each victoria with rubber tyres and two horses from Rs. 75 to Rs. 50.

By Order of His Worship the Mayor,
D. V. NADKARNI.
Municipal Secretary.
Municipal Corporation Office.
Bombay, 26th January, 1937

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NOTICE.

THE INDIAN COTTON COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the Indian Cotton Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1937, at 3 p.m. Standard Time, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company up to 30th September, 1936.
2. To confirm the appointment of a Director.
3. To elect a Director in the place of the Director who retires by rotation, but who is eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business which the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th January to 10th February, 1937, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors,
K. H. McCORMACK,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 13th January, 1937

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LEGAL DEPARTMENT.

IT IS PROPOSED to recruit three shorthand Reporters in the grade of Rs. 200-10-400 from persons who have a speed of not less than 160 words per minute and who are otherwise qualified for Government service. Only persons possessing these qualifications who are not less than 18 years or more than 25 years of age (in the case of persons belonging to the Intermediate and Backward Classes including the Muhammadans and the Depressed Classes not more than 28 years of age) need apply. The posts are permanent and pensionable. Candidates may be required to undergo a test before appointment. Selected candidates will be on probation for one year. Persons already in Government service may also apply.

Applications must be made to "The Secretary to Government, Legal Department, Secretariat, Bombay." Last date for receipt of applications is 15th February 1937.

K. C. SEN,
Secretary to Government,
Legal Department.
Bombay 22nd January, 1937.

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Public Notices.

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BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

CITY ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT. (Works Branch.)

NOTICE.

TENDERS for the supply of rubble stone quarrying the same from the selected sound rock at Wadala, Scheme No. 57, on south of Luxmi Mills and east of Sewri Cross Road near Tulsi Building, transporting the same to the Municipal Crushers at Sewri and stacking it in measurable depots, will be received upto 1 p.m. (Bombay Time) on FRIDAY, the 5th February, 1937.

Tenders should be addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay, enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the description of the tender.

Forms of tender, specification, etc. will be issued on payment of Rupee 1 each to any one deputed to receive them by the Dy. City Engineer, who will on application give any further information that may be required.

In case of a firm, the names of all the partners must invariably be specified in the tender.

The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

(Sd.) N. V. MODAK,
City Engineer.
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 25th January, 1937.

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THE AHMEDABAD ELECTRICITY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of The Ahmedabad Electricity Company, Limited, will be held on THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1937, at 5 p.m. at the Registered Office of the Company, Home Street, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To adopt the Directors' Report and Audited Statement of Accounts made up to 30th September 1936.
2. To sanction the declaration of a Dividend.
3. To elect Directors in the place of Mr. A. S. Trollip, Mr. Chamanlal G. Parekh and Sir Chunilal V. Mehta, K.C.S.I., who retire by rotation, but are eligible and offer themselves for re-election.
4. To elect Mr. R. C. Giles, who retires under Article 102. as a Director.
5. To appoint Auditors for the current year and fix their remuneration.
6. To transact any other business that may be brought forward by the Chairman.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 1st February to THURSDAY, the 11th February, 1937, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board.
KILLICK, NIXON & CO.,
Agents.
Bombay, 21st January, 1937.

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NOTICE.

THE NEW BERAR COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the New Berar Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Menkwa Building, Outram Road, Fort, on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1937, at 3-30 p.m. Standard Time, to transact the following business:—

1. To receive the Directors' Report and the Audited Accounts of the Company up to 30th September, 1936.
2. To confirm the appointment of a Director.
3. To elect a Director in the place of the Director who retires by rotation, but who is eligible for re-election.
4. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
5. To transact any other business which the Chairman may bring before the Meeting.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 27th January to 10th February, 1937, both days inclusive.

By order of the Directors,
K. H. McCORMACK,
Managing Director.
Bombay, 13th January, 1937.

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Legal Notices.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY NO. 58 OF 1937.

Re: SHANKAR BALWANT THATTE, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing and carrying on business at Reay Road, Mazagaon, outside the Fort of Bombay. ..... A Debtor.

Ex parte: BAI DOWLAT NOWROJI BILLIMORIA: .... Petitioning Creditor.

On the 25th day of January, 1937, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1937.

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Offg. Insolvency Registrar.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our clients have contracted to purchase from Bai AIMAI JEHANGIR COMMISSARIAT, the undermentioned property. ALL persons having any claim against the said property by way of mortgage, sale, inheritance, gift, lease, lien, charge, use, trust or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 95, Ash Lane, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

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ALL that piece or parcel of land known as Plot No. 10 Dadar Distillery Site, situate on the South-West side of Ranade Road, Dadar, Bombay, together with all the buildings and structures standing thereon within the Registration Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1086 (One thousand and eighty-six) square yards or thereabouts bearing Municipal G Ward Nos. 3695(i) and 3395 (ia) Street Nos. 56 and 56AB and bounded as follows that is to say, on or towards the North East by Ranade Road, on or towards the South East by Government land bearing Cadastral Survey No. 1608, on or towards the South West partly by Government land in the occupation of Sitaram Hari and on or towards the North West by Municipal land and which said land is registered under Cadastral Survey No. 1607 of the Mahim Division.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1937

MINOCHEHER MANCHERSHAH HIRALAL & CO.
Purchaser's Attorneys

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

TESTAMENTARY & INTESTATE JURISDICTION.

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20-1-37.

GEORGE VI, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and the British Dominions beyond the Seas King, Defender of the Faith, Emperor of India.

Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of GULAMHUSSEIN VALIMAHOMED alias GULAMHUSAIN VALIMAHOMED LADIWALA alias HAJI GULAMHUSAIN VALIMAHOMED SAJAN alias HAJI GULAMHUSAIN SAJAN, of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, a Merchant, residing at Sandhurst Road, Doongri, without the Fort of Bombay. ..... Deceased

SAKINABAI, widow of Gulamhusain Valimahomed Sajan of Bombay Mahomedan Inhabitant, residing at Sandhurst Road, Doongri, without the Fort of Bombay, one of the Executors named in the said Will of the said deceased. ..... Petitioner

All persons claiming to have any interest in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased are hereby cited to come and see the proceedings, if they think fit, before the Grant of Probate.

Witness Sir JOHN WILLIAM FISHER BEAUMONT, Knight, Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid this 19th day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand nine hundred and thirty-seven and in the first year of our Reign.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay.

(Sd.) R. B. PATEL,
Prothonotary and Senior Master.

(Sd.) H. A. VAKIL

The 19th day of January, 1937.
Messrs. MULLA & MULLA,
Petitioner's Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mr. SORABJI FAKIRJI MOTIWALA has contracted to sell to our client the pieces or parcels of land situate at Vile Parle Taluka Salsette District Bombay Suburban hereinbelow described. All persons having any claim against to upon or in respect of the said pieces or any of them by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, gift, lease, lien, charge, trust, maintenance easement or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at No. 77, Medows Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to any claim and the same, if any, shall be considered as waived.

FIRSTLY:—ALL that piece of land situate at Ghodbunder Road admeasuring 4796 sq. yds. bearing Survey No. 193, Pot Nos. 5, 6 and 23 and Entry Nos. 2701, 2703 and 2716 and bounded on the North by the property bearing Survey No. 193 and Pot Nos. 14, 15 and 7; on the South by the property bearing Survey No. 193 and Pot Nos. 4, 21 and 22; on the East by the Ghod Bunder Road and the property of Jehangir Ardeshir Cama and on the West by the property bearing Survey No. 195.

SECONDLY:—ALL that piece of land admeasuring 1½ Gunthas bearing Survey No.193 Hissa No. 1o, assessment Rs. 0-2-3 and originally bearing Survey No. 193 Pot No. 5/3 and bounded, on the North by land bearing Survey No. 193 Pot Nos. 14-15 and 7 and on the South East and West by land bearing Survey No. 193 Pot Nos. 6, 23 and 5.

THIRDLY:—ALL that piece of land, admeasuring 2 Gunthas bearing Survey No. 193 Hissa No. 16 assessment Rs. 0-3-0 and originally bearing Survey No. 193 Pot No. 5/4 and bounded on the North by the property of Pascoal Francis Miscuitta on the South by Congress House on the East by land bearing Survey No. 193 and Pot Nos. 5, 6 and 23 and on the West by the land of F. A. C. Rabello.

Dated this 26th day of January, 1937.

(Sd.) MESSRS. SHASTRI & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that HABIBBHOY CURRIMBHOY, one of the Executors of the Will of Sir CURRIMBHOY EBRAHIM, the 1st Baronet, deceased has contracted to sell to our clients his immovable properties described in the First and Second Schedules hereunder written.

Any person having any claim in or to the said properties or any part thereof by way of sale, mortgage, transfer, lease, exchange, gift demise, bequest, trust, inheritance, possession, charge encumbrances, lien, easement or otherwise howsoever is hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office in Central Bank Building, Esplanade Road, Fort, Bombay, within fourteen days from the date hereof, after which date the sale will be completed without regard to any claim or interest not so made as aforesaid.

THE FIRST SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

All that piece or parcel of land, together with the bungalows, houses structure standing thereon and known as "Florence Lodge," situate at Matheran in the Taluka of Karjat in the Registration District of Kolaba, admeasuring 4 Acres and 31 Gunthas or thereabouts and being plot No. 73 and bounded, on the East by the Municipal Road leading to Chowk point, on the West by Government ground; on the North by Plots Nos. 1 and 87 and the South by Plot No. 81 (Mount Pabaney) and Government ground.

THE SECOND SCHEDULE ABOVE REFERRED TO:—

All that piece or parcel of land together with bungalows houses structures standing thereon and known as "Mount Pabaney," situate at Matheran in the Taluka Karjat in the Registration District of Kolaba, admeasuring 2 Acres and 25 Gunthas or thereabouts being Plot No. 81 and bounded, on the East by Government ground and beyond that by a Municipal Road, on the West by Government ground through which runs a path to Chowk Hotel, on the North by the Plot No. 73 (Florence Lodge) and on the South by Plot No. 71 (Chowk Hall).

Dated this 26th day of January, 1937.

LITTLE & CO.,
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Legal Notices

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY.

INSOLVENCY NO. 406 OF 1936.

Re: KASHIRAM RAWJI SAWANT, of Bombay, Hindu Inhabitant, residing at 35, Government Gate Lalwady, Bombay, lately a jobber in the Jam Mills, Ltd., till the 17th day of June, 1936, at Sewri and since then Unemployed. .... An Insolvent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the abovenamed Insolvent has applied to the Court for his discharge and that the Court has fixed the 2nd March, 1937, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon for hearing the application.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1937.

S. J. RAHIMTOOLA,
Offg. Insolvency Registrar.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that our client Mr. ARDESHIR BOMANJI DUBASH has contracted to purchase from The Provident Investment Company, Limited, the undermentioned land hereditaments and premises.

ALL persons having any claim against the said land hereditaments and premises by way of mortgage, charge, trust, sale, inheritance, gift, lease, lien or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their Office at 46, Church Gate Street, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without any regard to any such claims and the same, if any, will be considered to have been waived.

THE SCHEDULE OF THE PROPERTY.

ALL THOSE two pieces or parcels of land or ground of Pension and Tax Tenure (cess whereof has been redeemed) situate at Peddar Road in the City and Registration District and Sub-District of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 1630 square yards and 1722 square yards respectively or thereabouts and forming part of a larger plot of land (which is divided into 11 plots) bearing New Survey No. 7096 and Cadastral Survey No. 3/755 of Malabar Hill and Cumballa Hill Division being marked as sub-plots Nos. 10 and 11 on the plan shown to the purchaser and assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under "D" Ward No. 3535 and Street No. 39F and 2 Warden Road and Peddar Road and which said premises are together bounded as follows:—that is to say, on or towards the East by sub plots 4, 5 and 6 sold to Ardeshir Bomanji Dubash and others, on or towards the North by the premises belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Jehangir N. Gamadia, on or towards the West by private passage or road and on or towards the South by sub-plot No. 9 sold to Dr. V. N. Chitale alias Bhajekar and another.

Dated this 25th day of January, 1937.

SMETHAM BYRNE & LAMBERT.
Purchaser's Attorneys.

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Auction Sales

GANDHI & CO.
Telephone No. 24927

SALE THIS DAY.

AUCTION SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY SITUATE AT OOMERKHADY ROAD.

Messrs. GANDHI & CO., Auctioneers, will under instructions from Messrs. Haridas & Co., Attorneys for Sheth Sobhraj Govindram and Another, the Mortgagees and on account and at the risk of Haji Ismail Chand, the Mortgagor, in pursuance of the power of sale containing in the Indenture of Mortgage dated 28th day of June, 1935, sell by Public Auction the undermentioned Immovable Property THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 27th January 1937, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises.

All that piece of Fazandari land with the house situate at Oomerkhady Road, containing 157 square yards or thereabouts as described in the Conveyance and 221 square yards as shown in the Cadastral Survey Register and registered by the Collector under New Survey No. 3645 and Cadastral Survey No. 2007 of Mandvi Division and by the Municipality under B Ward No. 3679 and Street Nos. 11-12.

For particulars and conditions of sale, please apply to Messrs. Haridas & Co., Attorneys for the Mortgagees, at their Office at Examiner Press Building, Dalal Street, Fort, or to the undersigned.

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AROUND THE COURTS

Bombay, Tuesday.

Mahmod Hussein Wallimahmud was arrested yesterday while, it is alleged, he was taking Satta-bets at Sankli Street. The accused was unable to furnish the bail amount.

He was ordered to be remanded into Police custody for a fortnight by Mr. R. J. Mathlone, at the Mazagaon Court, to-day.

Ratanji Ardeshir Lakriwalla was arrested to-day early in the morning for theft of Rs. 170.

The complainant in this case is the sister of the accused, whom she had not seen for the last 10 years.

The complainant found Rs. 170 missing and lodged the complaint.

The accused was ordered to be enlarged on bail of Rs. 200. (Rs. 50 to be deposited) or in default was remanded to Police custody till February 5, by Mr. R. J. Mathlone, at Mazagaon Court, to-day.

Ismail Kamisa a milk vendor, at present lying in K E M Hospital in a critical condition with a deep cut across his throat, is charged with murder of his wife and attempt to commit suicide before Dadar Police Court Magistrate, today.

Application for remand for a fortnight was granted by the Magistrate.

The inquest on the body of Noorbai Kasam Jakra (17) residing in Mahabir Building at Bhandarkar Road, Matunga, was opened to-day.

On Monday, the woman was found dead in her room, with a stab wound on the throat. Her husband was found with his throat cut. He was removed to Hospital.

The inquest was adjourned to 10th February.

Further hearing was resumed to-day of the sensational riot murder case at Dharavi in which grave allegations were made against the Mahim Police in the court of Mr. Oscar H. Brown Presidency Magistrate, Mazagaon by a Christian Prosecution witness.

Eight Hindus are charged with the murder of a Muslim youth on November 17 last at Dharavi.

An eye-witness alleged repeatedly that although he pointed out certain persons to the police, they were not arrested.

Major S. B. Mehta, Police Surgeon, in his statement to-day said that on examining the deceased's body seventy or eighty hours after the incident, he found that there were many severe injuries.

Mr. Patel, Sub-Inspector of Mahim Police, stated that he recorded the statement of a Christian witness on November 19. Accompanied by other police officers he went to Kalla Killa and arrested six of the accused, while the other two were arrested the following day.

The case was adjourned to January 29.

Ban On Fodder Export Removed

As shortage of fodder is now no longer felt in the Poona District the ban imposed by Government on the export of fodder by rail from that district beyond Diksal Station on one side and Khandala Station on the other side of the G. I. P Railway has been removed

SOCIAL AND PRIZE DISTRIBUTION IN ELPHINSTONE COLLEGE

The students of the German class in Elphinstone College held their social gathering on Tuesday, in the College Hall. Students read passages from Goethe (Faust), letter from Josef Martin Bauer, Die Worte des Glaubens (Schiller), Am Strande (Friedrich Beck), Nathan der Weise (Lessing), Mitbuerger, Freunde, Roemer (Shakespeare). One student sang two songs in Marathi (translation of two German poems, Mein Herz Ich will dich fragen and Du schoenes Fischer Maedchen), and another student gave amusing Anekdoten in German.

In June 1936, when the 110 students joined the German class they did not know a word of German. During the last seven months they have made progress in this new language. Now they know something about German language and literature.

Prizes were distributed by Principal A. C. Farran. The first prize was given to Miss M. H. Sethna, and the second prize to Miss K. P. Kotwal. A number of prizes were given to twelve other students who had done well in the German examination and taken interest in German language and literature.

The German class was established by Principal Hamill in June 1935. The number of students who joined the class in 1935 was 70. The students did good work. The students of the 1936 class have also done good work.

NAIK MARATHA MANDAL
(From A Correspondent)

The tenth annual meeting of the Naik Maratha Mandal was held at Dadar on Sunday last, Mr. R. S. Vengurlekar being in the chair. The annual report and balance sheet was read by Mr. S. B. Vengurlekar and was duly approved. A fresh Managing Committee was then elected.

The meeting decided to support the candidature of Rao Bahadur S. K. Bole, for the reserved post on behalf of the Ratnagiri District (South) and that of Advocate A. N. Surve on behalf of the Bombay City (North) and the Suburban District for the forthcoming Bombay Legislative Assembly.

DEATH DUE TO OPIUM-POISONING: SELF-ADMINISTERED.

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

The City Coroner held an inquest to-day on the body of an unidentified Mahomedan (28).

On Jan. 11 the Muslim was found lying in unconscious state at Mahim Durgah.

He was removed to K.E.M. Hospital, where he died the same day.

The Jury returned a verdict of death due to opium-poisoning, self-administered.

MULLAJI'S FOREIGN TOUR PROGRAMME

A Bombay correspondent writes:

His Holiness Sayyida Taher Saifuddin, High Priest of the Dawoodi Bohras, will sail from Bombay on Saturday next, (30th instant), by s.s. "Narkunda," for Haj via Egypt.

His Holiness will stay for a day at Port Said, and then proceed to Cairo where he will remain for two days. Thence he will return to Suez and taking an Egyptian steamer, s.s. "Zanzam," will proceed to Jeddah (the port of Hedjaz).

After the Haj ceremony is over, His Holiness will return back to Egypt by the same boat and will stay at Cairo for a month. During his stay, he will visit the world-famous ancient university of Al Azhar, the famous Mosque of Fatiama and other important places.

He will also see His Majesty King Farouq, members of the Egyptian Royal Family, Premier Nahas Pasha and other important personages in the country.

TO IRAQ.

After this His Holiness will leave for Iraq, via Palestine and Syria, staying in Iraq for about a month. He will visit the Karbaala, and Najaf-ul-Ashraf.

He will also be present at the ceremony of constructing and placing the Shar Diwari of pure silver, made from silver donated by His Holiness the Mullaji and his followers in Bombay, which will be placed on the tomb of Hazrat Imam Hussein.

He will return to India from Basra at about the end of May this year.

OTHER PILGRIMS.

On his journey, His Holiness will be accompanied by his family and about a hundred of his followers.

Another about 600 devotees will sail by s.s. "Islamia," on the 28th instant to Jeddah, so as to meet the Mullaji Saheb there. There are also about 400 pilgrims proceeding this week to Mecca via Iraq.

It is understood, that the Royal Iraqian Consul in Bombay has intimated to his Government about the visit of the Mullaji Saheb to Iraq.

It is also learnt, that the Egyptian Association in Bombay has communicated the information of the visit of His Holiness to Egypt to King Farouq, the Egyptian Royal Family and to other high personages in the country, and requesting them to give a good reception to the Mullaji Saheb at Port Said on his arrival there.

The Finance Minister to the Government of His Majesty King Ibn Saud is stated to have sent a cable to His Holiness, extending his Government's and people's hearty welcome to him.

Mr. Noorani Withdraws His Candidature

Mr. Haroon Tarmahomed Noorani, who had stood as an "Independent" candidate from the Bombay North Muslim Constituency, has withdrawn his candidature. In the course of a letter addressed to Mr. M. A. Jinnah Mr. Noorani says, that in taking this decision he has been influenced by the consideration that he would be "better serving the interests of the community and working towards maintaining solidarity and enhancing the prestige of the All-India Muslim League."

Miss D. Haji Aff, winner in Women's Discus Throw in Bombay Olympic Sports, in action.

M.Sc. EXAM. RESULTS

31 Out Of 48 Pass In Translation Test In German And French

The results of the Translation Test in French and German for the M Sc. Candidates held in January were declared at the University Buildings this afternoon.

31 out of 48 have been declared successful.

Following are the names of the successful candidates:

BOMBAY CENTRE.

Haligery, Rathnamma Kale, Mahadev Narayan; Modak, Krishna Vinayak; Naqvi, Muhammad Amjad; Shah, Madanlal Pitamberdas; Telang, Manjanath Shriniwas; Desai, Thakorbhai Dajibhai; Dike Balachandra Ganesh, Bhatt, Madhavlal Chhotalal; Dave Kapilray Ramchandra; Deshpande, Narayan Shrinivas; D'Souza, W F. Gadgil, Mahadeo Ganesh; Tata, Ramyar Dadabhoy; Trevedy Kardam Rajendra; Apte, Shridhar Hari; Gandhi, Manibhai Jaykrishnadas; Kathavate, Yashavant Vishnu; Borkar, Ramchandra Shantaram; Dastane, Sadashiv Dhondo; Dave, Kantilal Purshottam; Panse, Tryambak Bhagavant; Rana Khadga Narsingha; Sethna, Sureshchandra Mangaldas; Setlur Srinivasiengar Appanniah; Shahane, Rajaram Yashwant; Warrier, A. Madhava;

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Paswani, Jashan Pahlajrai; Joshi, Sadashiv Mahadeo.

Bangalore centre.

Beregai, Alwar Iyengar Sundara Iyengar; Kulkarni, Bapu Sakharam.

CONGRESS CANDIDATES FROM KARNATAK

A Correction

In the list of Congress candidates contesting the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Council elections from the various Karnatak constituencies, published in our issue of the 22nd instant, the name of Mr. S. V. Kowjalgi, B.A., LL.B., who is standing from the Bijapur-Belgaum-cum-Sholapur Constituency for the Bombay Legislative Council, was inadvertently omitted. He and Mr. B. B. Fotdar have been nominated by the Congress Parliamentary Board to contest the two seats in this constituency.

In the Dharwar Rural General Constituency the name of Mrs. Panjikar was mentioned as a Congress candidate for the women's seat, in the district. She is not contesting any of the seats. Mrs. Nagamma Patil is the official Congress candidate for the seat.

As regards Council candidates to Dharwar-cum-Karwar Constituency, there are three candidates contesting and not four as stated by us previously.

The leader of a gang, responsible for several thefts and robberies in the city and the district, for whose arrest the district authorities offered Rs. 100 has now been challaned in the Court of the Karachi City Magistrate by the district police.

SEWREE COTTON MARKET STOPS BUSINESS

The Cotton Market, Sewree, did not carry on business on Tuesday as the members refused to transact it as they wanted to observe the "Independence Day" as per the orders of the President of the Indian National Congress.

The members of the Cotton Brokers Staff Union took prominent part in getting business suspended. Flags were sold and National songs sung. Sweetmeats also were distributed.

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Auction Sales

BENNETT & CO.

AUCTION SALE OF 3 VALUABLE PROPERTIES AT MEMON WADA ROAD AND NAGDEVI STREET.

Under instructions from the Court Receiver Bombay, as the Receiver appointed in Suit No. 1629 of 1936 (Bai Bibibai, widow of Habib Juma and others vs. Mahomed Yusuf Habib Juma and others) pursuant to the directions contained in the Consent Decree dated the 2nd October, 1936 made in the said suit, Messrs Bennett & Co., will sell by Public Auction the following properties on the day mentioned below:—

LOT NO. 5.—On WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, 1937. at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises:

LOT NO. 5:—All that piece of Perpetual Fazandari land with dwelling house situate at Memonwada Road or Gavli Moholla admeasuring about 286 square yards, and assessed by the Municipality under B Ward No. 2392 and Street No. 447-449 and bounded on the North by the house of Mariambai, daughter of Ahmed Oosman Dawood, on the South by the house of Dada Ismail, on the West by Memonwada Road and on the East by Sweeper's passage.

LOT NO. 6 & 7.—On WEDNESDAY, the 10th February, 1937, at 4 p.m. (S.T.) on the premises:

LOT NO. 6.—All that piece of Perpetual Fazandari land with dwelling house situate at Nagdevi Street (formerly called Goolam Mohidin Nawji Street) containing by admeasurement 88 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Municipality under B Ward No. 239 formerly Street Nos. 120—122 but now Street Nos. 214—216 and bounded on the East by the Nagdevi Street, on the West by a Halalkhor's passage, on the North by the property of Sakur Ismail and on the South by the property of Hassam Makko.

LOT NO. 7.—ALL that piece of Perpetual Fazandari land with the dwelling house situate at Nagdevi Road, containing by admeasurement 120 square yards or thereabouts and assessed by the Municipality under B Ward No. 360 Street Nos. 77-79 and bounded on the East by the property of Vandrawandas Purushottamdas, on the West by the Nagdevi Street, on the North by a common passage and on the South by the property of Astabai Balaji.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Patel & Ezekiel, Attorneys for the Court Receiver, at Whiteaway Building, Hornby Road, Fort or to the undersigned.

BENNETT & CO.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.

SALE OF VALUABLE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY at Custom Road or Cadel Cross Road, Mahim (in the line of Joshi Budha Kaka Halwawala) on THURSDAY, the 4th February, 1937, at 4-30 p.m. (S.T.) at the premises under instructions from Messrs. Rutnagur & Khatkhatay, Attorneys for Bai Manibai, widow of Girjashanker Prabhashanker, the surviving Mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the heirs and legal representatives of the deceased Mortgagor Motiram Vinayak Mahale.

All that piece of Fazandari land situate at Mahim on the South side of Custom Road admeasuring about 414 sq. yds. and bearing New Survey No. 10 and Cadastral Survey No. 945 of Mahim Division together with a dwelling house thereon bearing G Ward No. 5520 and Street No. 145, Mahim Market Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale apply to Messrs. Rutnagur and Khatkhatay, Attorneys for the surviving mortgagee, 5, Military Square, Fort, or to the undersigned.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.

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In accordance with sections 167 and 88 of the Sea Customs Act 8 of 1878 and under instructions from the Collector of Customs, Bombay, Messrs MENESSE & CO., will sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY, the 1st February, 1937, at the abovementioned time at the New Customs House, Ballard Road, the abovementioned Unclaimed and Confiscated Goods belonging to the Government Customs' Department.

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7-30 p.m. Big Ben. Gound's Faust Act 4. 8-5 p.m. 'Empire Exchange. Points of view by travellers from the Dominions and the Colonies. 8-20 The Northern Ireland Brass Band. 9-0 p.m. A Pianoforte Recital. By Mary Kendall. Theme and Variations, Op. 72 (Glazounov). 9-30 p.m. 'Bristo and Beyond. A programme from two of the Western counties: Devon and Cornwall. Devised and produced by Patrick Beech. 10-0 p.m. The News and Announcements. Greenwhich Time Signal at 10-15 p.m. 12.20 Dance Music.

Bombay Programme

VUB 350.9 metres, 855 kc/s.

8-0 a.m. Morning Prayer. The V. U. B. Indian Orchestra. 8-15 Talk (Gujrati): "Universal Religion." By N. Patel. 8-30 Hindustani Songs. Yusuf Effendi. Naat, Ghazal, Thumri, Ghazal, & Salam. With Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla. 1-0 p.m. Jules Craen and his Quintette. (Relayed from the Taj Mahal Hotel). 5-30 p.m. A Variety Concert. (Recorded H. M. V.) 6-30 Talk (Marathi): "Short Stories and the Technique of writing them." By Shripad Mahadev Varde. 6-45 Gujerati Duets. Shamlabai and Latsahib. "Rangila Raja, Maroha Naino Na tir." "Albeli! Ka have ris karo." "Priya chalo Prem nagar ma." Assisted by the V.U.B. Indian Orchestra. 7-30 Kumar Gandharva. Bhoop, Bihag & Barwa. With Sarangi, Harmonium and Tabla. 8-0 A Violin Recital. Bengali Tunes. Ramdas Banerji. 8-30 Commercial News and the News in Hindi. 9-0 Talk (English): "Foreign Affairs." By E. J. Gough. 9-15 The News. 9-30 Jules Craen and his Quintette.

Delhi Programmes

VUD 340.13 metres, 882 kc/s.

8-0 a.m. Time Signal. Indian Music (Recorded). 9-0 Talk (Hindustani): "Before the Doctor arrives." No. 4 Haemorrhages. By A Doctor. 9-15 Wazir Husain Khan Rampuri. Classical and Light Classical Music. 9-45 Gujri Todi on Sitar. 9-55 Husn Ara Begam Akbarabadi. "Lubhae gai jiyara kali kamaliya." Dadra. "Ae jigar men ag lagai chale gai. De kar hamen woh dagh-i-judai chale gae." 10-20 AIR Orchestra B. Asawri. 1-0 p.m. "Melodies From Popular Films." (Recorded). 2-0 AIR Orchestra B. Multani. 2-10 Husn Ara Begum Akbarabadi. "Naina ban lage." Thumri Pilu. "Pher kar munh sitamgar rawana hua. Hai dil teer-i-gham ka nishana hua." 2-30 Nautch Gat on Piano, Violin, and Tabla. 2-40 Mahmood Hasan and Party. Qawwali. 5-0 1st News and Weather Report (English). 5-10 1st News and Weather Report (Hindustani). 5-20 Air Orchestra B. and C. Aiman Kallyan. 5-30 Wazir Husain Khan Rampuri. Classical Music. 6-0 Shahana Kandra On Sitar. 6-10 Mahmood Hasan and Party. Qawwali. 6-30 "For Villagers Only." (Delhi Market Rates and Time Signal at 7-30 p.m.) 7-30 Husn Ara Begum. "Main Yeh samjha mire saqi ke sar-i-dosh raha, Maya-i-abr-i-Karam bar sar-i-mainosh raha." "Kia bataun dil kahan hai aur kis ja dard hai. Main sarapa dil hun mera dil sarapa dard hai." Dadra. 8-0 Talk (Hindustani): "People and Things." By Abdul Majeed Khan "Salik." (Relayed from Lahore). 8-15 AIR Orchestra B. and C. Jai Jai Vanti. 8-30 Mahmood Hasan. Ghazal. 8-40 Wazir Husain Khan Rampuri. Classical and Light Music. 9-15 2nd News and Weather Report (Hindustani). 9-30 2nd News and Weather Report (English). 9-45 Talk (English): "About 80 per cent." No. 4. By V. N. Mehta, I.C.S., Commissioner, Allahabad Dn. (Sketches of the difficulties and problems facing that vast multitude, the villagers of India). 10-0 In Commemoration of Mozart. (Born January 27th, 1756). Marguerite Long and the Orchestre Symphonique of Paris. Concert No. 23 in A Major. Miriam Licette and Dennis Noble. "The Manly Heart" (Magic Flute.) "Give me thy hand, oh fairest." Don Giovani. Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra. Overture. "Il Seraglio." Pro Arte Quartet. Quartet in E flat major. (1st and 2nd movement).

Calcutta Programme

VUC 370.4 metres, 810 kc/s. 49.10 metres, 6.109 kc/s.

(Add 24 minutes to all timings for Calcutta time.)

12-36 p.m. SB A Military Band Programme. 1-16 Talk (English): SB "Poverty and Genius" No. 4. The Story of Mozart. By Karen Hvaler. Calcutta Weather Bulletin for Ocean and Rivercraft. 1-36 Recorded Selections. By Artists of The New Theatres Lt, Pahari Sanyal K. Saigal Uma Debi K. C. Dey. 2-6 p.m. Modern Song. Gouri Kedar Bhattacharya. 2-16 p.m. Women and Economy. Sachi Kanta Guha. 2-31 p.m. Banjo Solo. Ardhendu Bose. 2-41 p.m. Recitation. Selected Item from "Kurukshetra". by Kumaro Bindo and Govinda Bhusan Ray. 2-51 p.m. Talk: "Legends of various countries" No. 4 Rome. By Bishnu Sarma. 5-6 p.m. A Broadcast for Rural Areas. 5-36 p.m. Violin Recital. Ganga Chandra Nandy. 5-46 p.m. Bengali Toppa. Satish Chandra Sircar. 6-1 p. m. Mystery Story By X. 6-16 p.m. Classico-Modern Songs. Harshadev Roy. Dhirendra Nath Ghatak. 6-51 p.m. "Bismrita Baishali." A Feature Programme. (A pen-picture in music and verse.) One of the lost cities of the Buddhist Period Written and Produced by Banikumar. Direction by Suresh Chandra Chakravarty. Music by Sura Nath Mazumdar and S. N. Das. Musical effects by the Jantri Sangha. 8-6 SB p.m. Talk: "The March of events." By Nirad Chowdhury. 8-21 SB p.m. Toppa and Gazal (Hindustani). Suraj Prosad Srivastava. 8-41 SB p.m. Commercial News and Weather Report (In Bengali.) 8-46 SB p.m. The News and Announcements. 9-1 SB p.m. Commercial News and Weather Report (In English.) 9-6 SB p.m. The News and Announcements. 9-21 SB p.m. An Empire Programme. (Relayed from Daventry.) 9-56 SB p.m. The Pyramid. By Norman Edwards. Produced by Leita Newman. Presented by the Aerial players.

NO OBSTACLE TO TRADE

Japanese Consul In Bombay Explains New Ordinance

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

The Consul for Japan in Bombay has issued the following statement regarding the new Ordinance to license imports by exchange control:—

"The new Ordinance in relation to the existing Foreign Exchange Control Act, issued on the 8th January, 1937, and put into immediate effect by the Government of Japan to control speculative imports into Japan, is only a temporary measure.

Under the new Regulation all importers in Japan, as a principle, are required to obtain a permit from the Finance Department to make exchange transactions to settle the import business into Japan.

The main purpose of the Ordinance, however, is to check and control the abnormal exchange demand for import bills emanating from the excessive rush of speculative imports into Japan and to maintain the present level of yen exchange. Thus, in executing the Ordinance, the authorities responsible are exerting every effort not to put any obstacle in the way of normal and genuine trade transactions.

In the light of above explanation, it should be observed that the exchange contracts for normal trade demands will generally be permitted as before and the Government policy will be that of maintaining the level of Yen exchange at one shilling and two pence sterling."—A. P.

MR. KAIKHASHRU D. M. DASTUR DEAD

Well-Known Sportsman And Violinist

The death took place in Bombay of Mr. Kaikhasru D. M. Dastur, on Thursday last, at Dr. Bacha's Hospital at Queen's Road, at the age of 35. He was the only son of Dr. Dara M. Dastur L.M. & S., the well-known doctor of the metropolis. He was ailing for the last four or five months, and in spite of the best medical treatment under his father, helped by a number of the best medical brains of the city, he succumbed. Mr. Kaikhashru was well-known as a true sportsman and a good violinist. He was conducting the magazine in English called "The Sport." He had joined the Income-tax Department and worked there for about seven years.

His amiableness and sporting spirit won him a large circle of friends. His death has proved a severe blow to his distinguished father, Dr. Dara M. Dastur, and it has evoked great sympathy in his bereavement at his advanced age.

The funeral and Oothamna ceremonies were very largely attended, among the mourners were scores of non-Parsi members. May his Soul rest in Peace.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu is reaching Lucknow to-day in connection with Congress election campaign.

SAFETY BELTS FOR TRAFFIC POLICE

Device May Put An End To "Invisibility" Plea Of Motorists

Following the recent fatal motor accident to the Traffic Policeman posted at the junction of Colaba Causeway and Armiston Road and the plea that the traffic policeman's presence was not visible to the approaching motorists, the Safety First Association took immediate steps to examine this defect and have imported a set of arm and shoulder belts, which are studded with specially designed reflector buttons which literally catch the light from the oncoming car and throw it back to the motorist.

These belts have now been supplied to the City Police for trial purposes, and are being worn by the Traffic Police at the Junction of Wodehouse Road and Cooperage Road, Junction of Churchgate Street and Maj Road and Cadell Road near the Maternity Home.

Should this experiment be successful, it is hoped these Safety belts will be provided to traffic policemen on duty, as it will be of additional value to motorists in indicating the presence of Traffic Police.

SPORTS AND PRIZES TO TINY TOTS

St. Andrews' School's Anniversary Celebrations

BANDRA, Jan. 25.

Practically, all Bandra had turned out, yesterday evening, at the St. Andrew's High School grounds, to witness the annual sports of the school. But for the spacious grounds of the school, it would have been very difficult to go through a card of 36 events, within about 2 1/2 hours. It was also due to the experience of the veteran sportsman, Mr. A C Pereira, that the programme was expeditiously gone through.

There were several exciting races, in which the competitors received vociferous backing from the crowd. The 3-mile cycle race, especially, was a close fight, in which Eric D'Abero shot forth to the winning post, in the last stage of the lap. In the long, high and pole jumps, the clearances compared fairly, with professional feats. There was a young Judah, just 11 years, and of short stature, who cleared 7 ft. in fine style, in the pole jump. He received a special commendation from the President.

Girls' events.

The girls' events were also keenly contested, especially the tiny tots who exerted their might and main, in rushing to the winning post. The chatty-balancing race was a test of nerve and concentration, and, considering that woman is usually a bundle of nerves, it was surprising that there happened to be winners at all.

With the setting of the sun, the long list of events ended and Mrs. Prater distributed the prizes.

PRIZES

The Toos Vakil Senior Boys' Championship was awarded to Hubert Fernandes, the H D Wankani W Junior boys' Championship, to Wilfred Rodricks, the late Mr. L Wagle Senior Girls' Championship, to Grace Valles, and the late Mrs. N Ratnagar ex-students Championship, to Clarence de Souza, while the miniature cups and medals were presented to successful candidates in all the events.

Distribution of prizes over, Mr. Prater congratulated the School on the splendid performances of the evening. He was now assured that the remark of the Diocesan Inspector, that St. Andrew's was the model of a Catholic school, was a fitting one. He stated that people do not realise that Catholic schools have done in turning out God-fearing men and women. He was glad to see that the school had a very sporting Principal who took part in some of the events. In conclusion he thanked the Very Revd. Fr. D'sa, the Manager of the school, for inviting him to preside at the function.

Revd. Fr. D'sa, in reply, on behalf of himself and the school, expressed his thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Prater, for presiding at the function. He also thanked all those who donated the various cups and prizes.

NO M.C.C. MATCH TO-DAY ALSO

Owing to heavy overnight rain, there will be no play before lunch. The pitch is so sodden that chances of play to-day are very small, says a Reuter cable from Adelaide, under Tuesday date.

An A. P. message from New Delhi states that Mr. M. V. H. Collins, a Superintendent of the Legislative Assembly Department, who is in the Willingdon Nursing Home undergoing treatment for gunshot wound, is making satisfactory progress and he is expected to be discharged after a fortnight.

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Lowtide: 6-42 18-25
Sunrise: 7h 14m
Sunset: 6h 29m

Bombay Presidency Women's Council. Annual Conference, Convocation Hall, 10-30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2-30 p.m to 6 p.m. Exhibition and Sale of Women's Work, University Buildings, South Wing, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Open to the public.)

Stock Exchange Inquiry Committee, Secretariat.

Western India Polo Handicap Tournament, Racecourse, Mahalaxmi, about 3-15 p.m.

Municipal Standing Committee, 4-10 p.m.

Thursday, January 28.

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Friday, January 29.

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Western India Polo Handicap Tournament, Racecourse, Mahalaxmi, about 3-15 p.m.

Saturday, January 30.

Bombay Presidency Women's Council: Exhibition and Sale of Women's Work, University Buildings, South Wing 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Open to the public.)

S S. Narkunda with homeward mails sails at 1 p.m.

NOTICE TO JURORS

Special Jurors' attention is drawn to the notice appearing in the Public Notifications Column.

SOUTH INDIAN BHAJANA SAMAJ

Upanishad and Sahasranamam classes are held daily at 5-30 a.m. and 7-30 p.m. respectively.

SCHOOLS COMMITTEE

An adjourned meeting of the Schools Committee will be held at the Corporation Hall to-day (Wednesday) at 5 p.m (B.T.)

B. P. ADULT EDUCATION

Professor Menezes will meet his students in English Literature to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. in Lecture Theatres, South Wing, University Buildings, (First Floor or Ground Floor).

BLAVATSKY LODGE

Mr. Mawji Govindji Seth will lecture in English at the Theosophical Society, Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge, Chowpatty, to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. (S.T.) on "The Plan for the State".

B. B. & C. I. EMPLOYEES' UNION

The B. B. and C. I. Railway Employees' Union annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 3, 1937, at 6 p.m. (S.T.) at R. M. Bhatt High School premises at Poibavdi, Parel, Bombay No. 12.

PRARTHANA SAMAJ

Prof. N. R. Phatak will deliver his address on the "Positive Teachings of the Upanishads" to-day (Wednesday) at 6-30 p.m. in the Prarthana Mandir, Girgaum.

GRANT ROAD PARSEE ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Grant Road Parsee Association, Mr. Ardeshir Pestonji Sabavala, one of the three candidates to Legislative Assembly, Bombay (South), will speak at the Framji Cawasji Institute, Dhobi Talao, to-day (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.).

G. I. P. WORKERS' UNION

An extraordinary general meeting of the members of the Bombay Division of the G. I. P. Railway Workers' Union will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 5-30 p.m. (S.T.) on Gole Maidan opposite Matunga, Coaching Office (G. I. P. Railway) under the presidency of Mr. Jhabvala.

MUSLIM VOTERS' MEETING

Under the auspices of the Muslim League Parliamentary Board a public meeting of Mussalmans will be held at Husaini Baug, Madanpura, Byculla, to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) when speeches will be made on the desirability of supporting League nominees at the elections. Mr. M. M. S. Isphani will preside.

SRI. KRISHNABAI'S CONCERT

Under the auspices of the Karnatak Sangh, Bombay, Smt. Krishnabai Hukerikar, the well-known radio and film star, gave a programme of vocal music at Dadar at the Kshatriya Union Hall on Sunday last. Prof. Nathubawa Amraotikar, Mr. B. R. Mulgalkhod, Mr. S. B. Jathar, Mr. A. P. Sabnis, Rao Saheb Kamat, Dr. M. Ramarao and others attended.

SECONDARY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Under the auspices of the Association, a debate will be held in the Secondary Training College, to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. on "That the reorganization of Secondary Education suggested by the Sapru Committee is not likely to effect a radical improvement in the problem of finding employment for the educated classes of India. Mr. I. S. Jehu, Prof. Correa Fernandes, Prof. P. A. Wadia, and Principal A. Soares will speak. Mr. Jamnadas M. Mehta, Mayor of Bombay, will preside.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

CAPITOL—"Mummy's Boys" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Tukaram" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
EMPIRE—"Dodsworth" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—"The Man Who Changed His Mind" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Sarla" Time as usual.
MINERVA—"Palit Kusum" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Dharmaveer" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
PATHE—"I'd Give My Life" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
PLAZA—"Our Relations" Daily at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROYAL OPERA—"Izzat" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
REGAL—"Ramona" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Village Girl" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-30 p.m.
WELLINGTON—"Dharmaveer" Daily at 5-15, 8 and 10-45 p.m.
WEST END—"Gay Prince" Time as usual.

SHREE MEHTAJI ASSOCIATION

A special general meeting of Shree Mehtaji Association was held at 'C' Ward District Congress Committee's Office on Sunday last under the presidentship of Mr. S. B. Mahadeshwar and the following 'office-bearers' among others were elected:

President: Mr. Ganpatishankar N. Desai.

Vice-Presidents: Messrs. Bamanlal B. Patel and S. B. Mahadeshwar.

MEDICAL FILMS

Under the auspices of the Prabhuram Ayurvedic College, the following Medical Films, will be shown in the hall of the College, Vaidya Bhuvan, Bhuleshwar, to-day (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. (S.T.). These films are open to medical profession only

Prostatic Hypertrophy, Prostatectomy, Mechanism of normal heart, Sewage disposal, the Skin, a comedy.

POSTAL NOTICES

Superscribed registered and unregistered mails for Jedda (Hedjaz) per s.s. 'Islami' via Karachi will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 4-30 p. m. and 5 p.m. respectively on Friday the 29th instant.

Registered and unregistered mails for Colombo and Australia per s.s. 'Maloja' will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 5 and 6-30 p.m. respectively on Thursday the 28th instant.

Registered and unregistered mails for Straits Settlements, Hongkong and Shanghai via Negapatam will be accepted at the General Post Office upto 3-30 and 4 p.m. respectively on Thursday the 28th instant.

ELECTION MEETING AT DADAR

Under the auspices of the Bombay 'G' Ward and Suburban Districts Joint Election Committee, a public meeting will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. at Dadar, Palan Sojpal Building, when Sjt. S. K. Patil, Sjt. K. M. Munshi, Sjt. K. F. Nariman and the Congress candidates Messrs. B. G. Kher, D. N. Wandrekar, S. Songaonkar and others will address the meeting. Sjt. Ishwarbhai Patel will preside.

ELECTION MEETING AT GIRGAUM

Under the auspices of the Girgaum District Election Propaganda Committee, there will be a public meeting to-day (Wednesday) at 9 p.m. (S.T.) at Chunam Lane, Lamington Road.

Mr. P. R. Lele will preside.

Sjts. K. F. Nariman, Nagindas Master, S. K. Patil, Yusuf Meherally, Yeswantrao Khadilkar, Mansingrao Jagtap and Smts. Annapurnabai Deshmukh, Lilavati Munshi will address the meeting.

INDEPENDENCE DAY AT GHATKOPAR

Under the auspices of Ghatkopar Gramya Udyog Mandal, the Independance Day was celebrated with Prabhat Ferry by the workers of Ghatkopar Bhagini Mandal and Vanar Sena in the early morning at 7 a.m. and a mass prayer and 'Zanda Vandan' at Ghatkopar Satyagrah Chhavni at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

KEEP ALOOF FROM CANVASSING

Bombay Govt.'s Warning

The Director of Information, Bombay, writes:

In view of the forthcoming elections the Government of Bombay have issued instructions to all Heads of Offices under them to bring to the notice of all Government servants under them the relevant provisions in the Government Servants' Conduct Rules to the effect that a Government servant shall not canvass or otherwise interfere or use his influence in connection with, or take part in, any election to a legislative body except by way of exercising his right to vote.

Government servants have been warned that severe disciplinary action will be taken against those who act in contravention of these provisions.

HOLIDAYS FOR POLLING

With reference to the forthcoming general elections, the Bombay Government have already declared February 15 and 17 to be public holidays under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Government have further directed that all public offices in Bombay and Poona should be closed on Thursday, February 18, the date fixed for polling in the Women's (General) Constituencies of the Bombay Legislative Assembly.

BOMBAY HOCKEY LEAGUE

Texaco Club Draw With "Times Of India"

Tuesday's game, in the senior division of the Bombay Hockey League, between the Texaco Club and the 'Times of India,' on the Association Ground, resulted in a draw, each side scoring once.

Texaco Club had the better of the exchanges in the first half, which went goalless, neither side being able to score.

With the change of ends, the Texaco again had the upper hand and soon Blake, their centre-forward, found the net cleverly accepting a centre by Robertson.

It was now for the Pressmen to retaliate and on two occasions Tellis and D'Souza missed sitters. Tellis soon made amends, when he worked his way to the Texaco ring and sent in a beautiful pass to Petty, the Left-Extreme, who scored a good goal to bring his side on level.

Both sides now fought hard to get the winning goal but did not succeed and the match ended in a draw.

THE TEXACO CLUB 1 goal.
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THE TEAMS:—

THE TEXACO CLUB: Netcher; Murray, Fonseca; Wilson, Spilling, Morrison; Robertson, R. Brown, Blake, Lewis and H. Brown.

THE TIMES OF INDIA: Jones; Edwards, Easdon, Adams, Lynn, Thomas; Mendes, Wilson, D'Souza, Tellis and Petty.

To-day's Fixture

At the Association ground: Bombay Customs vs. B. B. & C. I. 'A' 5-15 p.m.

PARSI GYMKHANA TENNIS

Results Of Matches Played On Tuesday

The following are the results of matches, played at the Kennedy Sea Face, in the Parsi Gymkhana Open Lawn Tennis Tournament, on Tuesday, January 26:—

J. M. Lee and A. E. Brown beat R. N. Pandit and S. S. Indulkar (7—5), (3—6), (6—2).

B. T. Blake and S. A. Azim beat M. P. Dastur and L. R. Pereira (2—6), (6—2), (6—4).

B. T. Blake and S. A. Azim beat B. D. Dhalla and R. Cassinath (6—2), (6—1).

R. C. Summerhayes beat T. Shibata (6—3), (3—6), (6—1).

R. F. Vakharia and H. N. Contractor beat M. D. Petit and N. R. Suvarna (6—4), (1—6), (6—1).

Mrs. W. A. Bell and Mrs. Corbett-Wright beat Miss P. de Lima and Miss T. Dias (6—2), (6—4).

C. W. Owen and D. Stilliard beat G. L. Merchant and K. M. Merchant (6—2), (8—6).

J. M. Lee and A. E. Brown beat N. D. Sethna and P. Ferozeshaw (6—1), (6—4).

A. C. Suntook and F. F. Vakharia beat M. S. Nemani and R. R. Rula (6—2), (4—6), (6—2).

H. C. Sansoni and Gupte beat S V. Mozumdar and Gulam Ali (6—3), (6—0), (6—2).

H. C. Sansoni and Gupte beat G. D. Bhagat and I. H. Shivdasani (6—2), (5—7), (6—2).

To-day's Fixtures

COURT NO. 1 PARSI GYMKHANA.
3-30 P.M.
S. A. Azim v. L. R. Pereira.
4-15 P.M.
A. C. Suntook v. R. N. Pandit.
4-45 P. M.
Miss F. Talyarkhan and H. C. Sansoni
v.
Mrs. H. E. Jones and J. M. Lee.
COURT NO. 2.
3-30 P.M.
H. C. Sansoni v. R. F. Vakharia.
4-15 P.M.
Miss P. G. Dinshaw v. Mrs. Johnstone.
4-45 P. M.
M. Take v. D. D. Yennemadi.
5-15 P.M.
E. V. Bobb and J. Charanjiva.
v.
D. Phansalkar and Rao
COURT NO. 3.
3-45 P.M.
D. Stilliard v. S. S. Indulkar.
4-15 P.M.
Miss M. H. Dinshaw and B. T Blake
v.
Miss L. M. Merchant and partner.
5 P.M.
Miss P. de Lima and partner.
v.
Mrs. R. Genge and C. Gonsalves.
1ST AVAILABLE COURT:—
5-30 P.M.
Mrs. W. A. Bell and J. E. Tew
v.
Miss M. J. Wadia and A. C. Suntook.
HINDU GYMKHANA COURT:—
4 P.M.
A. G. Gupte v. N. L. Divekar.
M. S. Nemani v. A. G. Gupte or N. L. Divekar.
BOMBAY GYMKHANA COURT:
Mrs. Pakenham Walsh and C. W Owen
v.
Miss I. S. Hannay and D. Stilliard.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(BY A SUBURBAN MAN)

Sunday's meeting of the Parle Municipal Board proved quite interesting and it is now the talk of the citizens.

It will be recalled that Andheri protested at the Board's decision to grant nine seats to Parle and seven to Andheri which made the Board to appoint a special committee, who were to make a proper allocation of seats in the different wards and, if necessary, to re-arrange the wards. This was discussed at Sunday's meeting and according to the committee it decided that the whole matter should rest as it except in the case of D and E Wards, that is, in the Andheri section.

Thus the distribution according to the special committee amounts to Parle nine seats and Andheri seven. According to the census taken by the Municipality, Parle's A, B and C wards have a population of 6,873, 1,692 and 5,563 respectively and are allotted 4, 1 and 4 seats respectively. This makes an addition of one extra seat to A ward.

The population of the D, E and F wards, Andheri is 2.759, 3,961 and 2,620 respectively and these are allotted 2, 3 and 2 seats respectively. This eliminates one seat.

The adoption to this report of the Special Committee was moved by Mr. G. Bhatt. In order to ensure the representation of Christian, particularly from Ambovli and Kevni, Mr. J. W. Gomes moved an amendment to provide a special ward, but when put to vote it was lost.

Another amendment moved by Mr. I. K. Peeradina suggesting a division of the whole Municipal area into two wards was ruled out on a point of order, raised by Mr. L. L. Misquitta, who pointed out that the suggestion was contrary to the principle of the Board's resolution in regard to the allotment of seats. The original proposition was, therefore carried.

Another trouble that has risen to Parle is over the building of an overbridge. It will be recalled that the Board decided to accept a donor's offer to construct a new over-bridge, north of the railway station. As there is an existing bridge which is not opened to the public and the proposed one is some distance away from this, the Board's decision has evoked a lot of criticism and the Property Holders' Association has written a strong letter to the Board criticizing its action.

ST. ANDREW'S AT SPORTS

On Sunday a crowded compound witnessed the third annual sports of St. Andrew's High School Bandra held on their spacious school ground.

The programme consisted of 36 items and was keenly competed for by over 200 eager young competitors and about 30 silver cups were given away as prizes besides other articles

The competitors went through every item very creditably and many of the items produced thrills and a lot of fun.

Mr. S. H. Prater, M.L.C., in his presidential speech talked of the report of the Director of Diocese which, he said, gave St. Andrew's the highest praise a school could attain.

The Very Rev. Fr. D. DeSa, Manager of the school in his vote of thanks talked of the contribution of Mr. Prater towards education and observed that Mr. Prater had not come merely to honour St. Andrew's but had come to honour education. Mrs. Prater distributed the prizes.

"PART OF HINDU REVIVAL"

Mahatma On Significance Of Buddhist Vihar In Bombay

The opening ceremony of the Bahujan-Vihar-Buddha Mandir (Buddhist Congregational place), was performed on Tuesday evening at Poibavdi, Parel under the presidentship of Mr. K. Natarajan.

Messages from Mahatma Gandhi, Kaka Kalelkar and Dr. Jeevraj Mehta were received among others on the occasion.

"I regard this opening as a part of the Hindu revival movement that is going on in our midst. It is fortunate that so learned a scholar as Prof. Dharmanand Kosambi is to be the priest and teacher in charge. I hope that will be a success" wrote Mahatma Gandhi from Quilon.

A distinguished gathering was present and Harijan volunteers in ochre-coloured turbans and Khaki were in charge of the arrangements.

Messrs. Natarajan, Dharmanand Kosambi, B. G. Kher, Vaikuntha Mehta, Dewan Bahadur K. M. Jhaveri, Messrs. K. G. Pardhe and S. B. Mahadeshwar addressed the gathering.

After the guests paid respects in the temple the gathering dispersed.

TENDERS FOR TREASURY BILLS

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Treasury Bills were opened on Tuesday, the 26th January 1937. Total amount offered was Rs. 2,05,50,000. Tenders at Rs. 99-12-0 and above were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-11-9 allotted approximately 19 per cent. Lower tenders were rejected. Total amount accepted was Rs. 1,00,00,000, the average rate of accepted tender being Rs. 1-0-3 per cent per annum.

Tenders for Rs. One Crore of three months' Treasury Bills will be received on Tuesday, the 2nd February 1937. Successful tenderers should make payment on Friday, the 5th February 1937, Other conditions are as usual.

During the week ended the 22nd January 1937, Treasury Bills for Rs. 44,50,000 were renewed in favour of the Issue Department of the Reserve Bank of India.

Independence Day At Vile Parle

(From Our Correspondent)
VILE PARLE, Tuesday.

Independence Day was celebrated by the people of Vile Parle in a fitting manner. In the early morning Prabhat Pheri was organized and it terminated in the Chhauni Compound.

After the Flag Salutation Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt delivered a short speech reminding the people of the solemn pledge of Independence, which was taken on the banks of Ravi at Lahore.

Amid national slogans the meeting terminated at 9 a.m.

VOTE FOR CONGRESS CANDIDATES

Suburban Leaders Appeal To Bhandup

(From Our Correspondent)
Vile Parle, Tuesday.

An election meeting was held yesterday night at Bhandup in the compound of Maruti temple. Mr. Gokulbhai Bhatt presided.

Mr. B. R. Dhurandhar explained the aims and objects of the Congress and asked the people to stand by this great national organization in the elections.

Mr. Vrajlal of Mulund dwelt on the importance of the 17th February to the people.

One of the Suburban Congress Candidates Mr. Wandrekar exhorted the people of Bhandup to vote for Congress candidate and to uphold its prestige.

The president, Mr. Gokulbhai, concluding said that the people should vote for those candidates only who were prepared to march under the banner of the Congress.

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INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

The enthusiasm with which the citizens of Bombay celebrated the Independence Day is doubtless typical of the feeling aroused by the occasion all over the country. The hundreds of Prabhat Pheries, or processions singing patriotic songs at day-break, recalled the stirring memories of the last national struggle, and the mammoth meeting on the Chowpatty sands should convince everyone that the ideal of independence has gripped the imagination of the masses and is inspiring them to participate in the struggle for it at any cost. Similar demonstrations must have been organised in every nook and corner of the country. Indeed it is significant that a number of Indians and Britishers met in London on the Independence Eve and have sent to President Jawaharlal a resolution wherein they identify themselves with the Congress programme and assure him of their "whole-hearted sympathy and solid support in the struggle for Indian independent democracy." When far-off British friends of India religiously observe the Independence Day,—some Britishers want liberty for others as well as themselves—no Indian living on the soil of the motherland can afford to be indifferent towards the sacred occasion.

Independence Month

There is no doubt that Government's eleventh hour ban on the Independence Pledge of 1930 induced the people to celebrate the Independence Day with more than customary enthusiasm. But they should not be content with spectacular demonstrations, necessary as they are. They should rather regard election work as part of the celebrations of the Independence Day, as if they were celebrating this year an Independence Month. That is appropriate and necessary work as the Congress is using the elections as a weapon to wreck the imposed Constitution and thus pave the way for a self-determined Independence Constitution. Moreover, such work would be a fitting reply to Government's tactics in imposing the ban in the midst of the elcetion propaganda. There are only three weeks more for the elections, so far as our own Presidency is concerned and several others. Let these weeks be filled with intensive propaganda of an unprecedented character. The intimate touch with the millions of voters that Congress workers will get in this propaganda will not only help them in the elections proper but will also greatly help the Congress in its general policy of establishing more mass contacts and promoting rural reorganisation.

Heartening Victories

The splendid victories that Congress is scoring in the provinces where voting has already taken place should hearten Congress workers in the other provinces. To name a few of the latest, Mr. Suresh Chandra Bannerjee, the Congress candidate and the President of the Bengal Trade Union Congress, defeated his two rivals by scoring over eight times the votes secured by the next best candidate, both the rivals forfeiting their security deposits. One of his opponents is the President of the Bengal Trade Union Federation and his fate should be a warning to all those Labour organisations who venture to put their nominees against those of the Congress. At Tezpur in Assam the successful Congress candidate, Mr. Mahadev Sharma, secured 3172 votes, nearly ten times the number obtained by his defeated rival, who also lost his deposit. Similar victories are being reported from various parts of the country every day. They should encourage Congress workers, wherever elections are yet to be held, not to rest on their oars, but to redouble their efforts, so that the Congress may everywhere sweep the polls and the first elections under the new Constitution may also be the last. This will mean terribly strenuous work but let everyone emulate the shining example of the Congress President, who spares neither himself nor his co-workers in the election campaign. It is also up to the voters to lighten the burden of the Congress workers by helping them in every possible way. It will be a splendid beginning in giving effect to the Pledge they have taken on the Independence Day.

Vote For Mr. Munshi

It is believed that voting papers for the University seat in the Bombay Legislative Assembly are being despatched to the registered graduates all over the Presidency. Discerning and patriotic voters—and all registered graduates may be presumed to belong to this class—should have no difficulty in plumping for Mr. K. M. Munshi, the Congress representative for this constituency. Mr. Munshi is too well-known to require any introduction to his constituents. Both as a Congress worker and as a legislator Mr. Munshi has an excellent record which entitles him to the solid support of the registered graduates. The election in this constituency is a test of the patriotism and sense of responsibility of our University-trained citizens. As intellectual leaders of the province they are expected to exercise independent judgment and cast their vote in favour of a candidate who combines academic distinction with parliamentary acumen and who is, above all, a fighter in the country's cause. From every point of view he is head and shoulders above his rival. Even apart from this, the simple fact that Congress has nominated him should induce all registered graduates to give him their solid support. They should realise, as Mr. Shankarrao Deo points out, that "the progress of education, science and the cultivation of the fine arts depends upon a national Government and without self-government no national culture or national education is at all possible, and so the first duty of every voter is to vote for the candidate selected by the Congress, the one institution which is trying for complete national independence."

"Progressive" Mysore!

We are not quite sure that the Mysore administration does not deserve some sort of congratulations from us. Reputation is welcome to the best and worst of us. But even the worst of us feel embarrassed if pursued persistently by a reputation which, in reality, is not much more than an allegation. We feel that, in fairness to the Mysore administration, we ought to regard its present agitated activities as a definite protest against the continuous boost as to its progressiveness. And it could not have found a better or more effective method of doing so. It has been banning the National Flag for long, now it has started gagging Congress speakers, indiscriminately, 'en mass' and in that orgy of senseless reasoning which has made the bureaucracy in British India the historic institution that it has so deservedly become. But, almost as if not sure that the hint will even now be taken by admirers, Mysore has not only "progressed" to come in line with British India, it has advanced a few steps farther It has banned *all* celebrations connected with Independence Day, and it has done so for a week. This is "progress" with a vengeance and if the deluded still remain disillusioned, Mysore can claim with justice that it is not to blame. But, seriously, does the administration of Mysore really imagine that all these bans, beyond constituting a perfect imitation—which is a superlatively sincere form of flattery—can suppress sentiments of National freedom, or check their inflow? We would earnestly suggest particularly to Sir Mirza Ismail—whose addresses are invariably deeply learned in Philosophy and the lore of Democracy—that the old theory of governance based on professing admirable things and denying them in practice is played out.

Our Readers' Views

Duty Of Voters

To The Editor of "The Chronicle"

Sir,—Hindus, Muslims, Christians and Parsis, bury your communalism that Nationalism may live. Hindus, your community lives by producing more Jawaharlals and Bhulabhais; Muslims, your community lives by producing more Frontier Gandhis and Brelvis'; Christians, your community lives by producing more Joachim Alvas; Parsis, your community lives by producing more Narimans. Don't be led away by false cries of religion in danger. Don't betray your motherland by petty communal jealousies and play into the hands of the common opponent who is laughing at you within his shaves. Let not our posterity curse us for our sins of omission and commission. Your vote is a sacred trust and not your personal property to be thrown away at your whim. All voters should exercise their votes, should make it convenient to go to the polling booth, without any inducement from anybody and register them in favour of men, whose nationalism is beyond question, who have a record of public service, in short, whose election only matters and makes the British Imperialism nervous. Think of the sacrifices of a Jawaharlal, a Subash Bose, a Nariman, a Bhulabhai. If your peculiar personal circumstances have been too much for you to sacrifice as much, can you not at least pay your homage of respect and adoration to the great ones and vote for Congress? Yes, you can. Then "vote for Congress."—Yours, etc.,

H. M.

Appeal To The Mulla Sahib

May it please your Holiness,

The election campaign is going on every where and your Holiness has issued Firmans for several condidates in several places. Your Holiness's advisers and Amils are also supporting particular few candidates in your Holiness's name.

Now only very few candidates and their supporters all over the Bombay Presidency are pleased for these special favours by your Holiness, but the majority of candidates and their supporters are today very much disappointed by these special favours to few only which is against the principle of Islam, and thereby the feelings of all the Muslims in the whole Muslim community every where are running very high. Your Holiness should consider all alike. The right of exercising of votes to particular candidates should not be directed nor should be stopped by firmans and through Amils. Your Holiness's disciples should be allowed to exercise their right of voting free.

H. H. the Aga Khan Sahib also does not issue such firmans nor interfere with election matters and keeps himself quite aloof in such matters.

Under the above circumstances the whole Muslim community most humbly request your Holiness to issue a general statement in all the papers before your Holiness's departure to Holy places that all your disciples are free to exercise their right of voting to any Muslim candidate and your Holiness is quite aloof in election matters as all Muslim candidates are equal to your Holiness. All the Muslims are equal in the eyes of God.—God bless Your Holiness.

A BOHRA MUSLIM.

"Towards Successful Life"

To The Editor of "The Chronicle."

Sir,—Since reading your second article on "Towards Successful Life," I wonder how many of India's farmers are able to handle mechanical and labour saving machinery? Owing to illiteracy, they can't read printed instructions for operation and care of such equipment. While in Western countries, especially in America where farm implements are extensively used, almost all farmers are able to read and digest the preliminary directions to operate.

For the reason of Indian farmer's inability to read I am thoroughly convinced that he is well off with his crude ploughs and primitive ways of farming. And so why bother him with your suggestions of something that he can't use or afford to purchase?

There are a large number of your readers who think that machine is good for India. Such people, in my opinion, are mistaken. They have no idea of the good that will come with the use of old fashioned bullock cart, huts and all those things of "happy old days."

If some of your readers disagree with my views on the evils of machine, I am prepared to answer them if you would be good enough to allow some space in your paper.—Yours, etc.,

G. S. MUZUMDAR.

Khan,

Hitler's Dreams

Plans Of All-Spain Conquest

By H. N. BRAILSFORD

The events of the past week have sent our memories back to the years that preceded the Great War. Morocco is in the news again.

It was not in these sun-baked mountains, with their rich mines of iron ore, that the war actually exploded; but round them through six passionate year the diplomatic battle raged.

Over Morocco Lord Lansdowne and Sir Edward Grey steered us into the unavowed alliance with France and Czarist Russia. Over Morocco both sides armed, and twice on this issue, with the decks of the Dreadnoughts cleared for action, we were on the brink of war.

Perhaps it is this memory that explains why Paris, and even London, took the threat to Morocco so much more seriously than they had taken the threat to Spain itself.

The tone of the French Press suddenly changed. "This is too much", one read. "At last we must act".

Downing-street, to be sure, preserved its usual calm, but even Downing-street did something. With remarkable promptitude, a party of British naval officers crossed the straits in order to discover how far the Germans really have established themselves in Spanish Morocco.

This struck me as remarkable. No British officers have been sent to discover how many German and Italian troops are fighting for Franco in the suburbs of Madrid.

None was sent, so far as I can discover, to investigate the Italian occupation of the island of Majorca.

A body of Italian troops, said to number 5,000 men, is marching at this moment on Malaga. That invading army is all but visible from Gibraltar; yet we read of no investigation in this case. Why is Morocco such a serious matter?

Threat To Straits

Certainly, if you and I were British Imperialists, we should agree that Morocco is a very grave matter indeed.

First, its shores face the Rock. Its old citadel of Ceuta could command the Straits if it were armed with modern guns, and garrisoned by German artillerymen.

Used as a base for German aircraft and submarines, it could close the Mediterranean entirely to British shipping, and bar the road to India and the East.

Spanish Morocco is also a convenient station from which these same aircraft and U-boats could prey on British shipping over the alternative sea-route through the Atlantic and round the Cape.

Again they could cut off France from safe access to North Africa, which means that a vital part of France's man-power—her African troops—would be locked up in that continent in the event of war.

Lastly, this territory contains rich deposits of iron-ore. In fact, since the Civil War broke out, all this ore has gone to Germany to pay some part of Franco's debt for armaments.

These mines, however, under capable German management, could produce much more than they now do. Here, then, in German hands is the chief raw material of victory.

Hitler's Strategy

The wave of anger and alarm that swept over Paris and faintly agitated Downing-street was, then reasonable enough from the Imperial standpoint.

It is possible that the French Press is exaggerating, for it seems doubtful whether there really are any large number of Germans in Morocco. There are airmen and engineers, but few troops.

Does that mean that Morocco is safe from Hitler's grasp? Not at all. Hitler is a better strategist than these Parisian journalists. He understands that the real battle ground is round Madrid.

If Franco, as Hitler's puppet, can win Madrid, and, with it, eventually, the whole motherland of Spain, then Morocco and all the other outlying Spanish possessions come securely into the German system.

This fuss about Morocco misses the real point. Hitler is fighting for bigger stakes than Ceuta and the mines of the Riff. He is fighting to win all Spain (which includes Morocco) as his subject colony.

It has mines more valuable than these—iron ore round Oviedo, copper in the Rio Tinto, and mercury near Jaen. All these minerals are the raw materials of war.

Moreover, Cadiz and Bilbao are as vital for the Atlantic route, and the Eastern ports as vital for the Mediterranean route, as any harbours in Morocco.

It is puzzling then, that our Imperialists should be alert about Morocco, while they remain indifferent to Spain.

Our Problem

That however, is their affair. What concerns you and me is something wholly different

For us Spain is not minerals and ports; for us Spain means 20,000,000 of our fellow-men, who are fighting for the right to order their own lives.

Shall they govern themselves through an elected Parliament, or lie down under the dictatorship of the soldiers? Shall the workers retain their Trade Unions, or is organisation to be (as it is in Franco's territory to-day) a capital crime?

Shall the peasants advance to a human existence, or return to starvation and servitude on the vast neglected estates of the grandees?

Do we—to put it briefly—admit the right of Hitler and Mussolini to veto the existence of any democratic republic in Spain, or do we back the Spanish people, which spoke its will freely in the election last February.

That is the issue and the only issue that interests the working masses in this island. But it is the one issue that Mr. Baldwin's Government ignores.

It is just possible to guess what is passing through the mind of Downing Street. Class solidarity links these people to Franco and the owning class in Spain. On the other hand, they dislike the idea of German supremacy in the Peninsula. They have therefore, smiled on Italian intervention.

They have patched up our quarrel with Mussolini in their agreement of the previous week with that Dictator. To some extent he will neutralise German power in Spain.

Again, our Government reckons that when Franco wins, he will have to come to the City of London for a loan to rebuild Madrid.

Finally, if Hitler must have a colony, they will find him one elsewhere.

All this might solve in some degree the strategical and imperial problem, but the Spanish workers and peasants would return to the prison from which they had so nearly escaped.

Labour's Chance

If we had in this country a Labour Movement worthy of its ideals it would be mobilising the nation against this policy of cynicism and cowardice.

It would insist on the reversal of the sham of neutrality, vindicate the right of the Republic to obtain arms, compel our Government to remove the ban on volunteering, and itself recruit for the International Brigade.

It is, indeed, gathering its forces—but only for a heresy hunt.

By the way, I must correct a mistake in my article of last week. The Franco-Spanish frontier was never closed to volunteers.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

"Whoever holds the railways must of necessity hold a virtual monopoly, and it is distinctly better, perhaps everywhere, but certainly in India, that such a monopoly should be in the hands of the State than in those of private persons. The State, moreover, has it in its power to bestow on the public, to a far greater degree than private companies could do, the maximum advantages which the railways afford by means of the lowest tariffs."

G. N. MACGEORGE,
Formerly Consulting Engineer to the Govt. of India for State Railways.

ORDINANCE RAJ IN ASSEMBLY

The new rules which have been framed regarding the adjournment motions proposed to be moved by members of the Legislative Assembly constitute not only a highhanded and unwarranted encroachment upon the rights of the President but they can be even said to have, in a sense, carried the Ordinance Raj right into the Assembly Chamber. According to the new rules, the Governor-General, notwithstanding the consent of the President, or even before such consent has been given, can take cognisance of all adjournment motions and disallow them at his sweet will. He will henceforth be the sole arbiter of their admissibility and the President is thus reduced to a mere figurehead, as far as this most vital matter is concerned.

A FORETASTE

The right to move adjournment motions on matters of urgent public importance is one of the most cherished privileges of the members of the Assembly. The passing of such motions is generally considered as amounting to a censure of the Government, and the Congress opposition in the Assembly has again and again succeeded in castigating Government for their various sins of omission and commission by timely and tactical motions of this type. It needs no great insight into human psychology to realise that the new rules are the result of pure pique, and are intended primarily to gag the opposition. This desire of the Treasury Benches to escape censure by the back door, if we may call it so, is easily understandable. Government's intention to put a more effective gag upon the Opposition is further revealed by the proposed restriction upon the number of questions a member may ask. We are pompously referred in this connection to the procedure obtaining in the House of Commons, as if there can be any real comparison between that Sovereign Parliament and our sham Assembly. That Government should resort to such unfair tactics to short-circuit the Opposition, on the eve of the much-boosted new constitutional era, is, however, extremely significant. It is a foretaste of things to come!

MILITARISM IN JAPAN.

The Army in Japan has tak another substantial step towards supremacy. The Hirota Cabinet has resigned and it is quite probable that it has done so cheerfully, because in its attitude and behaviour, it was inclined more towards the Army than towards the Diet to which it owed responsibility and of which it was a part. It is reported that the Army does not favour Hirota's proposed successor, who, significantly enough, is a General. If the report is true, the virtual dictator will, we have little doubt, have its own way. It will have the Premier and the Ministry it wants and it will also secure the expulsion of politicians and Parliament from the administration of the country. In one of the telegrams it was suggested that the Army would find it difficult to dispense with the Diet owing to constitutional requirements in connection, for instance with the budget. This is wrong, for the very simple reason that dictatorship, whether militarist or otherwise, does not care much for constitutional propriety or legality.

WIDER MUNICIPAL FRANCHISE

The Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee of the Bombay Municipal Corporation have rightly recommended widening of the Municipal franchise so as to bring it in line with that for the Legislative Assembly under the new Constitution. They have done well to disregard the views of the Commissioner who is not in favour of any extension until "sufficient trial has been given to the five-rupee rental franchise." This is mere quibbling inasmuch as the new qualifications which have been recommended for recognition for enrolment of voters would not increase the number of voters to an "alarming" extent. In fact adult franchise which should be the basis of every municipality would still remain a distant goal. All that the Committee's recommendations aim at is to recognize educational and income-tax qualifications in addition to the five-rupee rental. And surely it is ridiculous that citizens entitled to vote for the Assembly should not be allowed to vote for the Corporation! The Corporators must accept the recommendations and thereby take at least this step towards a more democratic franchise though our aim should always be to fight for adult suffrage.

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WITHOUT COMMENT

Regarding the Bengal detenus Sir Henry Craik told Mr. Chattopadhyaya that the Government of India were only concerned with the Deoli jail where there had been no deaths through unnatural causes during the last three years. One detenu recently committed suicide there.

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LONDON, Jan. 25.

Legislation passed by the Irish Free State on the occasion of the Abdication is now being studied by experts of the Dominions Office in order to report to Government on its full implication.

—Reuter.

Does the "full implication" really need "experts" to interpret and report on?

But we forget, British Imperialist statesmanship must at least try its best to gratify its sense of deliberate self-deception.

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A surprise in Bengal elections—according to the A.P.I.—has been caused by the defeat in Chittagong of Mr. Anwaral Azim M.L.A. of the Yakub group.

Success would have been an amazing occurrence.

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5-Hour Search For Pledge
—Headline.

Wrong. The search has lasted for more than even five years, since it was first broadcast all over India in January 1930 and they have discovered it only now.

Long live our bureaucracy and its wide-awakedness!

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By the way, if the elections have led to the forfeiture of a 7-year old pledge what will the proceedings in the "Reforms" Councils lead to?

Yes, the question might be asked in the Legislative Assembly. But it will be disallowed—new regulations can, as you know, be easily made for the purpose if the old plea of "public interest is deemed insufficient—and we are not sure that the Honourable Member who asks the question, though he be the Big Brother himself will not be forfeited in the bargain.

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In the Assembly Sir Cowasjee Jehangir led the independents in Mr. Jinnah's absence.

It is not clear, however, who officiated for the independents.

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"In the absence of the Congress members," we are told by Bori Bunder Special from New Delhi, "business proceeded at speed".

The officials, we hope, thoroughly enjoyed the exbilirating experience.

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The German and Italian Governments have agreed to present the recruitment and transit of "volunteers" for Spain.

Of course, no German or Italian dictionary, interprets "volunteers" so as to include conscripts.

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The much debated but still unsettled problem of the best road surface for Indian roads, says a report, is now to be solved by the Government on a scientific basis.

Versova and Juhu residents and picnickers, may thus console themselves.

TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) The torchlight parades by Nazis to be held in Germany this week have been planned to celebrate the Reichstag Fire.

(2) Karl Radek IS the mouthpiece of Stalin.

(3) Mr. M. A. Jinnah is seriously considering the advisability of taking a surprise roll-call of his "boys".

(4) Mr. Winston Churchill has turned a supporter of Indian freedom and joined the Socialists in celebrating the Independence Day in London.

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It was the biology lesson and the master was telling his class something about the circulation of the blood.

'If I stand upside down,' he said, 'the blood will run down into my head, will it not?'

A chorus of voices shouted, 'Yes, sir'.

'Then why doesn't the blood run into my feet when I stand?'

'Please sir,' piped a voice, 'it's because yer feet ain't empty'.

Brelvi Exposes Malicious Propaganda

STRAIGHT QUESTION TO JINNAH & DEHLAVI

Where Were They When "Izzat" Of Islam Was At Stake?

Speaking at a public meeting of the Muslims held under the auspices of the Bohra Youth League, at Abdur Rahman Street, on Tuesday night, Mr. Syed Abdulla Brelvi, exposed the malicious propaganda carried on against his candidature.

He was sorry that responsible persons like Mr. Jinnah and Sir Ali Mahomed Khan Dehlavi should be parties to such unworthy propaganda, though they knew well that his contest involved vital principles.

He put them straight a question as to their role when the 'Izzat' of Islam was at stake during the famous Khilafat movement in 1920 and asked them if they could be relied upon to champion the cause of true Islam when an occasion might arise in the future.

Mr. Syed Abdullah Brelvi in his opening remarks said that ever since the Independence Resolution was passed in 1929 in Lahore on the banks of the Ravi under the presidentship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian National Congress has carried on its struggle of complete independence for the country. The present activity of the Congress was to enter the legislatures as a part of the major programme for the attainment of freedom. For this purpose they were all aware the Congress was sparing no pains in carrying on its election campaign.

MISLEADING PROPAGANDA.

Sometime back, they might have known, a campaign was being carried on through public meeting and leaflets against the Congress, and against himself, who was the Congress candidate, and it was no exaggeration to say that it was a campaign full of falsehoods and misleading statements. It was calculated, so it seemed to him, to deceive the Mussalmans of Bombay. But he was confident that the Muslims of Bombay were not so ignorant as to be misled and deceived by such propaganda, because they realised the vital issues involved in the elections.

"I am so sorry," said Mr. Brelvi, "that prominent and responsible persons like Mr. Jinnah and Sir Ali Mahomed Khan Dehlavi, should either be parties to, or countenance such a blatantly misleading propaganda of misrepresentation."

Sometime back, Mr. Brelvi continued, he met Mr. Jinnah and informed him of his intention to stand as a candidate on behalf of the Congress. Mr. Brelvi was told that Mr. Jinnah would do all that lay in his power to oppose Mr. Brelvi's candidature.

PLOT EXPOSED.

Mr. Jinnah was entitled to do so, said Mr. Brelvi, and was also entitled to use all his power and influence to oppose his candidature.

"But I never imagined," Mr. Brelvi added, "that Mr. Jinnah would allow himself to be a party to such a false and undignified propaganda as was being carried on by or on behalf of the Muslim League candidates."

In this propaganda, those opposing Mr. Brelvi went so far as to state that Mr. Brelvi was a Hindu Mahasabha candidate, that he was an insincere person of false pretences and it was even reported that Moulvis were going to declare him a 'kafir,' through a 'Fatwa.'

There were many other Muslims who were opposing the Muslim League candidates, and it was significant that this propaganda of misrepresentation and abuse was directed solely against Mr. Brelvi. What crime have I committed? asked Mr. Brelvi. The answer, he said, was obvious. The rich and powerful persons, who in the past managed to get into the legislatures not because they possessed merit or the necessary qualification, but because they had the power of the purse, and who now really controlled the League of which Mr. Jinnah was the nominal head, had been genuinely frightened that their monopoly was being threatened. They were therefore resorting to desperate methods to prevent Mr. Brelvi's success "my crime" Mr. Brelvi said, "is that I am a Congressman and belong to an organisation which is the only organisation in India which was fighting for freedom and whose members had made the necessary sacrifice for the sake of national freedom. Sir A. M. K. Dehlavi had in a recent speech made an attack against him, Mr. Brelvi said. He had been asked why he did not join the Muslim League. His answer was clear "As a Congressman I am pledged to complete independence of India," said Mr. Brelvi, "and so long as I live I shall fight for complete independence. As a Congressman it is my duty to follow the Congress programme of wrecking the constitution as decided by the Indian National Congress.

"The Muslim League does not want complete independence for this country. The League does not want to reject the constitution but to work it for what it is worth."

If these vital differences existed, how was it possible for him to join the Muslim League? asked Mr. Brelvi.

NOT OPPOSED TO MUSLIM INTERESTS

When the Muslim League Parliamentary Board was about to be formed, Mr. Brelvi proceeded, he received an invitation from Mr. Jinnah to join the League. He replied making it clear that he could not join the League, in view of the difference in policy between that of the Congress and the League as indicated above.

In a recent pamphlet, that letter was published and along with that letter, Mr. Brelvi observed, it was also published that Mr. Brelvi had refused to join the League because he was opposed to Muslim interests.

If one strove for Independence, did that mean, Mr. Brelvi asked, that one was opposed to the Muslim interests? He regretted that Mr. Jinnah should have permitted such gross misrepresentation of his views.

On the contrary I consider it my duty as a Muslim to work for the independence of my country and it is because I am placing this clear issue before my Muslim brethren whether as Muslim they want independence or political slavery. I am receiving from them an increasingly encouraging response that has frightened the political reactionaries who have taken possession of Muslim League organisation in Bombay in spite of the progressive Mr. Jinnah.

WHERE WERE THEY THEN

"Sir Ali Mahomed Khan has sought to misrepresent my attitude towards purely religious questions of Muslims. As regards these, I have clearly said in a recent statement that the Congress policy has been one of non-intervention in religious matters and that, as regards these questions I shall always act in accordance with the principles of Islam and in this connection I may remind Mr. Jinnah, Sir Ali Md. Khan and their friends that whenever any questions affecting the honour of Islam arose it was the Congress Muslims who in vindicating it made sacrifices and went to jail, while they themselves forgot the obligations of Islam and either remained comfortably in their houses or opposed those who were fighting for the honour of Islam. In modern times no greater issue affecting the honour of Islam arose than that with regard to the Khilafat It was the Congress and the Muslims in the Congress who took the lead in organising the Non-Co-operation Movement to redress the Khilafat wrong. Where, then, were Mr. Jinnah, Sir Ali Md. Khan Dehlavi, Md. Ali Allah Bux and the Knights and Khan Bahadurs who are now the leading lights of the Bombay Presidency Muslim League? When a similar issue arises in regard to the honour of Islam will these gentlemen be prepared to make the sacrifices that Congress Muslims are always prepared to make in accordance with the dictates of Islam?

"In fact, nothing would be more appreciated", observed Mr. Brelvi amidst laughter, "if Mr. Jinnah or Mr. Alla Bux or Mr. Hoosein Beg Mahomed courted imprisonment in the cause of Islam."

NARIMAN'S APPEAL TO MUSLIMS

"Mr. Brelvi is a gentleman of whom Islam can be proud," said Mr. Nariman, "his sacrifices for the sake of the Congress and the country can bear enumeration. None can rival him in his sacrifice and service for the cause of the national movement."

If such a gentleman was welcome if he was a Muslim League candidate, did he become a different Brelvi, because he was standing on the Congress ticket? asked Mr. Nariman.

To-day more than ever before, the biggest issue was not that between the Hindus and the Muslims but that of relieving the people of their hunger, misery and starvation.

"To-day, we want men with political grit and character who can stand by the cause of the nation, and not men who can manage to obtain a party ticket somehow or other. If you commit a mistake now in your choice, you cannot redeem it for full five years. When the future of lakhs of people is involved, none should treat this matter in a narrow way" concluded Mr. Nariman.

ALL OVER PRINCIPLES.

Mr. K. F. Nariman said that Mr. Brelvi was fighting the election on vital principles, and not on account of personal differences with the members of the Muslim League. Mr. Brelvi, Mr. Jinnah and the speaker were all friends, but when closely cherished principles were at stake, it was the duty of every one to stand by those principles and fight for them.

He appealed to the Muslim voters to understand the significance of the vote, which was obtained after much struggle. The Congress had been demanding universal adult franchise, and carried on agitation for such franchise, but at present they were able to obtain vote for a minimum qualification of paying a monthly rental of Rs. 5. They should regard this vote as a valuable treasure which could not be thrown away in an irresponsible manner. The present elections did not involve any communalist considerations, for they must have realised that the issue was one between the ruling class and the subject nation. Before this issue, all other issues must pale into insignificance. The price of subjection was paid by all communities in this country, whether they be Hindus, or Muslims or Parsees or Christians. If the country as a whole suffered from poverty and misery, all communities suffered equally, and if the country prospered free from subjection all the communities without exception would prosper. It was for this prosperity and for this relief from poverty and starvation that the Congress was mainly fighting the elections, and in such a fight, communalist considerations must not have a place.

NO COMMUNALIST ISSUE

One could understand the attitude of the Muslim League if any major communalist issue was involved. But at present, the issues were simplified, and it was only a question of choosing between the abolition of subjection at the earliest or perpetuation the present misery for sometime more.

Mr. Nariman referred to the debate on "Dominion Status vs. Independence" held recently, in which he participated and he was ashamed to see an Indian pleading for Dominion Status as though India would be orphaned if the British left this country. (Laughter).

If every Muslim remembered that progressive Islamic countries like Turkey were the real champions of freedom and liberty they would realise the plight of the Muslims in India and they would understand that there was nothing more dear to the heart of a true Muslim than Liberty and freedom.

A vote for Mr. Brelvi was a vote for the Congress and also a vote for freedom.

The Karachi resolution on the Fundamental Rights passed by the Indian National Congress was proof positive that Congress was competent to safeguard the interests of the masses, whether they be Hindu or Muslim or of another community.

AZAD AND ANSARI.

He wished to point out that to be a Congressman did not mean that one should act against the interest of the Muslims. And the Congress was proud of such illustrious Muslims like Maulana Abul Kalam Azad and the late Dr. Ansari. Who could say they were not true Muslims and that they did not safeguard the interests of the Muslims?

Mr. Nariman appealed to the Muslim voters to brush aside these worthless pamphlets issued from time to time against Mr. Brelvi's candidature and remember that they should consider it their duty to support the cause of freedom.

He exhorted the young Muslims to be in the vanguard of the National movement as the Young students of Egypt and Turkey had done in their country. In the freedom's battle, the youth of every country had stood in the forefront and faced even bullets and the Muslim youth in India ought to feel proud of standing in the forefront of the National movement.

VOTE FOR BRELVI.

Mr. Yusuf Meherally said that after 50 years of organisation and effort, the Indian National Congress to-day represented the urge of the nation for freedom. The Congress now represented the revolutionary idea and Mr. Brelvi stood as one representing that idea. Anybody animated by a spark of life and spirit in him must rally to the support of that idea and vote for Mr. Brelvi. If they desired that people in India should have freedom, that they should have enough bread to eat and enough cloth to wear, they must express their desire by whole-heartedly supporting the candidature of Mr. Brelvi.

ISLAM STANDS FOR FREEDOM.

Mr. Joachim Alwa observed that Islam outside India was a great force in support of freedom and opposed Imperialism. If India too should attain that position as that of other Islamic countries, Muslims must support the Congress and strive to secure freedom. He appealed to the voters to support the candidature of Mr. Brelvi and return him with a thumping majority.

Maulana Abdul Bari said that at last the Muslim masses were seeing through the game of the communalist leaders, who had blatantly exploited the religious sentiments of poor and starving-Muslims. The biggest question was whether the Congress was not able to safeguard the interests of the masses of all the communities and of the Muslim community along with them, and he was sure that the interests of the Muslims were secure under the Indian National Congress.

Maulana Abdul Majid Nomani pointed out that there was no conflict between the interests of the Congress and the Muslims. He was sorry to say that the name of the late Maulana Mahomedali was being exploited for selfish purposes in certain quarters.

Mr. Hatim Daurbar and Mr. Bukhari also addressed the meeting.

KARNATAK SUPPORTS MUNSHI

Congress Expects All Graduates To Vote Solidly For Its Nominee

2,400 voting papers out of 4396 have been despatched by the Collector's Office, Bombay till to-day to the voters of the Registered Graduates Constituency to the Bombay Legislative Assembly. While all the Voting papers have been sent to the voters in the South of the Presidency, only 200 remain to be sent to the North of the Presidency.

Voters in the City of Bombay will get their Voting Papers by Thursday, or Friday.

Voters in this Constituency are those who have obtained their degree seven years before March 1934 and who have got their names Registered as Graduates

KARNATAK FOR CONGRESS

News received from Karnatak and other places in the South, where Graduates have already cast their votes, shows that Mr. K. M. Munshi the Congress candidate has had good support. There is no doubt that others will follow the good example set up by the Karnatak Graduates by solidly voting for the Congress Candidate.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

It is understood that many of the Registered Graduates from the city have changed their residences, and the Voting Papers would be despatched to the addresses found in the Roll of Voters. They should immediately communicate with the Post Office authorities about their change of address, so that the voting papers might reach them in time.

GRADUATE IN AN INDIAN STATE?

If you are, you have to get your voting paper attested by British Gazetted Revenue or Judicial Officer or a Magistrate of the British Government or a J.P.

Find out such an officer at once, even if you have to go out of your way to find him, and Register your vote for Mr. K. M. Munshi.

PILIBHIT VILLAGE SHOOTING

Congress Have Seized Upon It For Propaganda Says Govt.

LUCKNOW, Jan. 26.

A Communique states that in view of the interest which has been aroused in the murders committed at Muzaffarnagar village in the Pilibhit District and the misleading and untruthful reports which have been spread abroad, the Government consider it advisable to publish the facts in so far as they are known.

On the night of January 21, at about 2 a.m. five or six persons, one of whom was armed with a twelve bore gun, climbed over the wall and entered the house of Natthu Bania, a young man of about 28 years of age. They tied his hands and shot him dead. No property was taken away and the motive of the crime is not known. Some neighbours being aroused by the sound of the shot, came to the House and were looking over the wall to see what was happening, when a second shot was fired which caused the death of one Makhan Nabia, a relation of Natthu. The assailants then retreated, and none of them have been identified.

FORMER ENMITY?

There is no reliable evidence whatever that the murders had anything do with the election,

CAUSE OF RUMOUR

It appears that on January 20 a slight altercation took place between lorrymen employed by the Raja of Pilibhit and some Congress workers. Congress supporters have accordingly spread abroad the rumour that the murders have been committed by the Raja's men, and have seized upon it for the purpose of intensive propaganda among electors.—A. P.

LUCKNOW. Jan. 26.—The Governor of U. P. left for Aligarh to-night.

NO IMMEDIATE GOVT. ACTION

Income-tax Report Sent For Expression Of Opinion

NEW DELHI, January 26.

The report of the Income-Tax Committee published to-day has already been sent to the local Governments and leading commercial associations throughout the country. It will be necessary for Government to ascertain their views to allow public opinion to crystalise before going ahead with the drafting of legislation based upon the report. The recommendations in the report are not likely, therefore, to be implemented for some time.

WHAT GOVT. WILL DO

It may be that a Bill will be introduced in the next Simla Session of the Assembly in which case it would most likely be referred to a Select Committee and then come up for discussion again in the 1938 session at Delhi. On the other hand there are certain proposals in the report which may be acted upon more speedily. For example there are recommendations which concern administration and which can be put into force at once by administrative action.

EVASION OF TAX

Again there are strong observations about the evasion of tax. This may be treated as an urgent matter requiring urgent action. In that case some way may be found to put through legislation dealing only with anti-tax dodging measures in the near future. This could be done in a number of ways, e.g., a short Bill or it may be even included in the Finance Bill. In the main, however, no action will be taken on that part of the report requiring detailed legislation until public opinion has been elicited.

MORE YIELD MAY RESULT

It is believed that when the recommendations of the report are put into effect they will result in an increased yield from the income tax. It should be borne clearly in mind that half the extra revenue obtained through the income tax will ultimately go to the provinces. In other words the provinces will benefit as a result of action taken upon the report. There is no question of mass of tax-payers being adversely affected. The new scales proposed will probably reduce taxation to a great majority of tax-payers. If anyone suffers it will be the wealthier classes.—A.P.

ALEXANDRETTA DISPUTE ENDS

LONDON Jan 26.

The Franco-Turkish dispute about Alexandretta has been settled.—Reuter.

Victoria Draw With New South Wales

SYDNEY, January 26.

The Sheffield Shield Match between Victoria and New South Wales was drawn. Victoria were all out in their first innings for 340. New South Wales in their second innings made 129 runs for two wickets at close.- Reuter.

LUCKNOW, January 26.

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru leaves Allahabad to-night on another intensive tour in the United Provinces. He will use an aeroplane, rail or car, whichever is feasible. He returns to Allahabad on 31st January.—A.P.

Britishers Support Congress Programme

Indians & Britishers Observe Independence Day In London

LONDON, January 25.

A well attended luncheon of Indians and Britishers was held this afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Ben Tillet, the veteran Trade Union leader, at the Trade Union Club to observe the Indian Independence Day.

Speeches supporting the Indian National Congress fight for complete Independence and establishing independent democracy in India made by Viscount Churchill, Earl Kinnoull, Messrs. Reginald Bridgeman, P. B. Seal and R. C. B. Vakil.

Mr. Ernest Thurtle sent a message of good wishes to the Indian people's struggle against British Imperialism.

Mr. Tillet suggested to send the following resolution to Jawaharlal which was passed unanimously:

"We the Indian and British comrades in London, assembled to observe Indian National Independence Day identify ourselves with Congress programme and assure you of our whole-hearted sympathy and solid support in the struggle for Indian independent democracy"

Inquiry Into Collector's Conduct

Shaukat Ali's Resolution Before Assembly

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26.

Having failed in his attempt to move the adjournment of the House over the alleged interference of Major Nethersole and Mr. Bashir Ahmed the collector and the Tehsildar of Moradabad in elections, Maulana Shaukat Ali has given notice of a resolution urging the immediate removal of these officials from Moradabad District and order an enquiry about their conduct and take further steps to secure that no public servant directly or indirectly interferred with elections.

The resolution will come up for discussion on the 29th instant when the Congress Farty's resolution on official interference in elections, pending before the House, will come up.—A. P.

QUESTIONS IN ASSEMBLY

NEW DELHI, Jan. 26.

At question time in the Assembly replying to Mr. Akhilchandra Dutt, Sir Frank Noyce said that the Government of India were making grants amounting to five lakhs of rupees for a period of five years to local Governments for the development of the handloom weaving industry.

Replying to the same member Sir Frank Noyce said that the manufacture in India of electrical machinery and equipment was still in its infancy. Government could render practical assistance to the indigenous industry by obtaining requirements of such articles as are manufactured in India. The value of purchases during each of last two years was approximately four times that of the previous year.—A. P.

Umpire Gives Award Favouring Workers

General Cut Not Justifiable: "Delhi Agreement Not Carried Out"

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26.

Sir Govindrao Madgaonkar, the Umpire in the Ahmedabad Mill Dispute, has delivered his award stating that the Millowners Association have not proved that the general wage cut is necessary and advisable for the Mill Industry as a whole.

LENGTHY AWARD

In the course of a lengthy award covering 25 typed pages Sir Govindrao Madgaonkar observes that in view of failure of the Millowners Association effectively to carry out the Delhi agreement it is not open to that body to obtain wage cut and alter the whole basis of Standardisation of wages agreed to in the Delhi Agreement.

"I trust that the parties, particularly the Millowners Association will not lose time, will immediately set about the hammer out a scheme for standardisation and automatic adjustment.—A.P.

WOULD IT LEAD TO PERMANENT PEACE?

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26.

With reference to the Umpire's Award Labour circles feel that even if the Award was implemented by the millowners but standardisation was not immediately settled, there would not be permanent peace between Capital and Labour.

"The important implication of the Award is that the process of arbitration in industrial dispute is fully justified" said the Secretary of the Labour Union to a "United Press" representative.

NO RELIEF TO INDUSTRY

The Millowners' Association is reticent in expressing any opinion. It is however, felt that the Award is not likely to give any relief to industry and many conclusions in the Award have no premises and "vice versa". "There has been no easing of the situation when ease is essential" is the general opinion.

A meeting of the Millowners' Association will be called to consider the Award.—United Press.

FRANCE GIVES LEAD

Partial Nationalisation Of Armament Firms

PARIS. Jan. 26.

M. Lebrun, at a Cabinet meeting, signed seven decrees providing for expropriation of a number of aircraft factories to be given to nationalised companies, in conformity with Government's policy of partial nationalisation of armament firms.—Reuter's Special.

Prabhat Pheris With Redoubled Vigour

Nariman Reminds Voters Of Their Duty On Election Day

Bombay, Tuesday.

Long before sunrise today, hundreds of Prabhat Pheris were taken out by Congressmen and women with boys and children singing national songs and wending their way towards the Azad Maidan from where the procession was to start towards the Congress House.

The National Flags were very much in evidence, button-flags were being worn by practically everyone, the tri-colour had been hoisted on many housetops, indicating that they were celebrating the Independence Day, as directed by the Congress.

The enthusiasm evinced by the public, who gathered in thousands on the Azad Maidan, in spite of the cold, seemed to be an effective demonstration that the resolve solemnly made, years back on the banks of Ravi was engraved on the hearts of all self-respecting Indians.

Phabhat Pheris

The Prabhat Pheri was the first item on the Day's programme. All the Prabhat Pheris in the A. B. C. and D. Wards reached the Azad Maidan according to the scheduled time and the mile-long procession started at 7 a.m.

Besides the Congress leaders, the procession was made up of men, women and children of all communities, students, merchants and volunteers of both sexes. The tri-coloured flag was very prominent as practically everyone had a flag in his hand.

Posters that compelled the attention of the onlookers—there were many thousands of them—were carried by volunteers and students. They were in English, Marathi and Gujarati. The posters declared:—"Congress Represents the Indian Masses," "Congress is the voice of the Nation," "A vote for Non-Congressman is a vote for Slavery," etc.

Order Of Procession

The procession was made up in the following order. A batch of Sikh Volunteers, with red bands across their bodies and playing the band; a volunteer carrying a huge tri-colour; then two volunteers holding a banner "Independence Day"; then members of the Bombay National Guards marching in military formation; Lady volunteers of Mrs. Sofia Khan; leaders with flags in their hands. Prominent among them being Mr. K. F. Nariman, Mr. Nagindas Master, Mr. S. K. Patil, Mr. G. N. Desai, Sardar Prem Singh, Mr. Soonderdas Morarji, Mr. Ramdas Pratap and others, then batches of volunteers; Congressmen, citizens; students; merchants and ladies and batches of volunteers.

While the procession was in motion women volunteers were selling the button-flags and collecting funds. Slogans like "Up-Up-the National Flag," "Inquilab Zindabad" were raised by the Processionists. The Procession took nearly an hour to reach the Congress House after passing through Kalbadevi Road; Bambkhana; Bhuleshwar; C. P. Tank and Vithalbhai Patel Road.

The Police from the Princess Street, Maharbavdi and the Lamington Road Sections had made arrangements all along the route. The traffic had to be held up at several places and police guards had been posted at several vital points.

At Congress House

At the Congress House, the members of the Bombay National Guards under Mr. V. R. Modak had made all the arrangements ready for the Flag Salutation Ceremony and Mrs. Lilavati Munshi, Messrs. M. R. Masani and Yusuf Meherally who did not join the procession were present at the Congress House.

It took sometime before the Processionists were arranged into proper formation. The Harijan Band was in attendance.

After the singing of Vande Mataram, the National Tri-Colour was unfurled by Mr. K. F. Nariman to the accompaniment of the bugle, blowed by a Sikh Ex-Soldier, and cries of "Inquilab Zindabad."

Nariman's Address.

After the "Zenda Uncha Rahe Hamara"—Our Flag shall fly aloft Mr. K. F. Nariman, President of the B.P.C.C. addressed the gathering and said that it was a custom of the Congress to pay respects to the Flag first before any function is proceeded with.

On the last day of every month, we pay our homage to the National tri-colour. But to-day was an unique occasion much more important than the usual monthly celebrations. It was six years ago that the Indian National Congress, which met on the banks of the river Ravi passed a resolution declaring the objective of the Indian People to be Complete Independence.

This resolution was passed at midnight in biting cold under the Presidentship of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, who is also the President of the Congress this year.

The nation had not won its Independence though five or six years had passed since that resolution was adopted by the nation, but it had been proved to the world at large that the people of India, one and all—excepting possibly a few reactionaries had adopted that resolution and had taken that solemn vow that they stand for Complete Independence for India.

"Lost Its Hold."

Mr K. F. Nariman reminded the audience of the claim of the Government and some of the reactionaries that the Congress had lost its hold on the masses after the Civil Disobedience, Bombay proved that that claim was an absolute lie by the enthusiasm they showed when the Congress Session was held in Bombay.

The Bombay session proved that the Congress had the same hold on the masses as during the Civil Disobedience Movement. It also gave a lie direct to the allegation that the Congress consisted of a handful of agitators. The mercantile community had proved that it was solidly behind the Congress by electing the Congress Nominee both to the Council of State and to the Presidentship of the Indian Merchants' Chamber.

It should be evident to everyone now that there were only two parties in the country to-day namely the Congress and the Government. The masses, the workers and peasants were behind the Congress. This was proved, if any proof was necessary, at the Faizpur Session of the Indian National Congress.

Thousands of Kisans walked miles together not to take part in the discussions, but to pay their homage to the national tri-colour and the national leaders who were carrying on their fight for freedom.

Must Reach Goal

Concluding Mr. Nariman said that the goal of Complete Independence had not been achieved, it was bound to be reached within five or six years; there was absolutely no doubt about it. It should not be forgotten that India was a very great country with a glorious history behind it. Such a nation would certainly reach its goal of Independence very soon.

People of Bombay had faced jails and lathi charges and to-day Congress was not asking anything big of them. To-day Congress wanted the people of Bombay to cast their votes in favour of the Congress candidates and he had not doubt whatever that the people of Bombay would do their duty by the Congress.

In All Wards

With shouts of "Vande Mataram" and "Inqilab Zindabad" the gathering dispersed, but the men and women volunteers went in different batches to the different localities in the city to sell Tri-coloured flags.

Processions and Flag Salutation ceremonies took place in different Wards of the city in furtherance of the instructions from Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, President of the Congress.

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PRINCES AND INDIA ACT

Constitution Committee Reviews Agenda At Delhi Meeting

NEW DELHI, Jan. 25.

The Constitution Committee appointed at Bombay by the Chamber of Princes to consider the Government of India Act of 1935, as it affects the Indian States, met to-day. About 25 members were present and the Maharaja of Patiala presided.

The Committee spent two hours reviewing the agenda generally, and decided on the procedure to be adopted at the meetings tomorrow and on subsequent days.—A. P.

DISCIPLINARY ACTION IN BERAR

AKOLA, Jan. 26.

Yeotmal District, Nagar and Wun Taluka Congress Committees have been suspended by the President of the Berar Provincial Congress Committee until further orders.

In this connection, the Hon'ble Brijlal Biyani, President of the Berar Provincial Congress Committee, has issued the following statement to the "United Press":—

"It is unfortunate that some Congress Committees in Yeotmal District have acted against the decisions of the Congress Parliamentary Board with regard to elections. Many individuals have committed breach of discipline. I have investigated the whole affair carefully. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel has also got the case investigated by Dr. N. B. Khare of Nagpur. Disciplinary action is immediately necessary. I have, therefore, suspended Yeotmal District, Nagar and Wun Taluka Congress Committees until further orders. Disciplinary action against individuals may also be taken, if necessary arises.

"I have taken this action, after consulting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, President of the All-India Congress Parliamentary Board."—United Press.

SEC. 144 FOR ELECTIONS IN FRONTIER

PESHAWAR, January 26.

The Associated Press understands that, from 1st to 17th February, embracing polling period, results week and thereafter, restrictions under section 144 will be imposed on the carrying of firearms and other weapons likely to endanger public peace.—A.P.

Nation Renews Resolve To Carry On Struggle

(Continued From Page 1)

ing to the Government ban, she said that the Pledge had been read out annually, since 1930, this year it appeared that Government had got nervous in view of the elections and so had declared the ban.—A.P.

LABOUR JOINS MEETING OF INDEPENDENCE DAY

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

In observance of Independence Day several public meetings were held this evening in different Parks and Squares of the city, the most largely attended of them being the one organised under the auspices of the Bengal Provincial Congress at Shraddhanand Park under the presidency of Mr. Sarat Bose, Acting President of B. P. C. C.

The whole assembly stood up and took the Independence vow. A big Labour procession arrived at the meeting shouting Labour and other slogans, thus adding to the great enthusiasm prevailing throughout the meeting.—United Press.

RALLY ROUND CONGRESS

LAHORE, Jan. 26.

The celebration of "Independence Day" began in Lahore when Dr. Gopichand unfurled the National Flag in Pari Mahal this morning. He appealed to the countrymen to rally round the Congress and sacrifice all in vindication of the National honour.

A mass public meeting is being held in the evening.—United Press.

At Wadala

WARDHA, Jan. 26.

Seth Jamnalal Bajaj arrived here yesterday evening, after completing his hurricane tour in Maharashtra.

"Independence Day" was observed here to-day. Seth Jamnalalji hoisted National flag in the midst of a large gathering.

Sjt. Gopalrao Kale said in the course of his address: "If we cannot read or utter the Resolution, it will be there in the heart of our hearts, as Hanuman had his Lord Rama".—United Press.

AT SURAT

(From Our Correspondent.)

SURAT, January 26.

Independence Day was observed under the auspices of City Congress Committee by holding prabhatferi and flag salutation, at the Congress House. A procession was taken out from Congress House in the evening, which turned into meetings in various parts of the City, where appeal was made to vote in favour of the Congress candidate, Dr. C. J. Ghia.

IN AHMEDABAD

AHMEDABAD, Jan. 26.

The Independence Day celebrations commenced this morning with National Flag Salutations in different wards, followed by National Flag salutation in the Congress House which was attended by a large gathering.—A.P

IN HUBLI

(From Oor Correspondent).

HUBLI, Jan. 26.

The Independence Day celebration opened here early this morning with two separate Prabhat Pheris which, marching through two separate parts of the town, joined at Gulakava Tank for the Flag Salutation ceremony at 8 a.m.

Mr. Hardikar unfurled the flag in the presence of a large gathering and addressed the crowds explaining the day's programme and the Congress President's instructions about reading the Independence Resolution.

AT KARACHI

KARACHI, January 26.

Independence Day was celebrated at Karachi by the holding of a public meeting at the Khalikdina Hall under the presidency of Mr. R K. Sidwa, President of the District Congress Committee. Sardar Sardul Singh, addressing the meeting, appealed to the people to return Congress candidates.—A.P.

AT MADRAS

MADRAS, January 26.

Madras City observed Independence Day with solemnity befitting the occasion. The flag-hoisting ceremony took place in many places and Congress leaders exhorted the people to hold the Congress banner aloft and maintain its prestige at all costs.

A huge procession was organised under the auspices of the Madras District Congress Committee and paraded through the important parts of the City.—United Press.

BAN ON PLEDGE WILL ADD TO DESIRE FOR SWARAJ

NAGPUR, January 26.

As part of the observance of the Independence Day the Tri-colour Flag hoisting ceremony was held at three different places this morning. Near Tilak's Statue, which was also garlanded 400 persons were present and Dr. Khare, President of the Nagpur Provincial Congress Committee, explained the significance of the Day and deplored the Government ban on Congress Pledge. This action, he added would have one result, namely, increasing the desire of the people for 'Swaraj'. The assembled men marched up in procession to Itwara, a suburb, where a similar function was held but at both places the Congress Pledge was not read.

LABOUR TAKES PLEDGE

The Local Socialists and Labourites including Mr. K. S. Ruikar, Vice-President of the Trade Union Congress and some Congressmen, who have seceded from the official group held their own separate Flag Hoisting ceremony in Itwara, Mr. Ruikar unfurling the flag. Mrs. Vidyavati Devadia read out the Pledge deleting the objectionable passages.—A.P

POONA'S RESOLVE ON INDEPENDENCE DAY

Democrats Protest Against Govt. Ban

(From Our Correspondent.)

POONA, January 26.

"Not even 100 such bans will drive out of our hearts that solemn pledge, which we took seven years ago and which lies permanently engraved on our hearts", observed Mr. N. V. Gadgil, speaking at Independence Day meeting held at Shanwarwada Maidan this evening. There was large attendance and great enthusiasm prevailed.

Mr. Gadgil then read another pledge that reiterated the country's resolve to secure freedom and to sacrifice and obey all commands of Congress till that was attained.

DEMOCRATS' PROTEST

Strong speeches condemning Government policy of banning Independence Day Pledge were delivered at a public meeting held under the auspices of the Democratic Swaraj Party, Mr. L. B. Bhopatkar, presiding. Messrs S. L. Karandikar, Balukaka Kanitkar, V. V. Sathe and several others addressed a large audience that attended the meeting.

AT RANGOON

RANGOON, Jan 26.

A largely attended public meeting of Indian was held this evening under the auspices of the Burma Provincial Congress Committee, Mr. Gangasingh, M.L.A., President of the Burma P. C. C. presiding, to observe the Independence Day. After the Flag Salutation ceremony, a resolution from the Chair was passed, all standing, reaffirming firm faith in Art. I of the Congress Constitution.—A. P.

GAG ORDER IN SAMBALPUR

JHARSAGURA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Bhanu Shankar Joshi, Secretary of the Sambalpur District Congress Committee, wires:

"The District Magistrate summoned Pandit Lakshmi Narayan, Bhanu Shankar Joshi, and Mr. Behari Ram, President, Secretary and member respectively of the Sambalpur District Congress Committee, and served on them an order under section 144 Cr. P. C.

"Flag hoisting ceremony was performed in the morning and other functions in connection with the "Independence Day" were abandoned, owing to the gagging orders".—United Press.

ELEPHANTS "RAID" CONGRESS OFFICE

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Are elephants good Congressites?

Two election incidents in Bihar do little to solve the question. From the Warisaliganj, Gaya district, comes a report that a number of elephants raided the local Congress office, while on the other hand, at Godda Sental Parganas, Congress supporters headed a procession seated on an elephant.

It is said that an elephant never forgets, but their political opinions if any, appear to be a trifle obscure.—A. P.

A. I. C. C. Office Searched

Police Find Nothing, As Pledge Copies Were Dispatched Already

(From Our orrespondent)

ALLAHABAD, Jan. 26.

In political circles, it is believed, that the U. P. Government played the game astutely in connection with the ban on the Independence Pledge as the belated communique issued by them is interpreted as symptomatic of indecision search of the A. I. C. C. Office last night came as a surprise but the police could recover next to nothing as almost all the copies of the Independence Pledge had been sent out and distributed all over the country already.

Knowing that Government had little to seize the Congress President and the A. I. C. C. authorities took the search coolly and left the police severely alone in the office to find whatever they could lay their hands on.

It is believed that the U. P. Government did not desire to precipitate the crisis by arresting Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in case of defiance, but the President's statement yesterday made their path easy.

I understand, however, that Pandit Nehru will read a brief Independence Pledge and so far as the essence is concerned there will be no compromise and he will leave Government to do its worst.

U. P. P. C. C. OFFICE RAIDED

LUCKNOW, Jan. 26.

Police raided half a dozen places early this morning and are alleged to have recovered some copies of the Independence Day pledge from the U. P. P. C. C. Office, which was searched. The offices of the District Congress Committee, East Indian Railway Union, shop of the Khaddar Bhandar and the residences of Mr. Babulal Varma and Gopikrishna Arora, but nothing incriminating is reported to have been found.

MRS. NAIDU IN LUCKNOW.

Mrs. Naidu arrived here this morning in connection with Congress election propaganda.—A.P

5-HOUR SEARCH FOR PLEDGE

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 26.

Local Police searched for five hours Raja Gokuldas Printing Press owned by Seth Govind Das. They recovered, it is alleged, some copies of the Congress Pledge proscribed by the Local Government.—United Press.

HUNT FOR INDEPENDENCE PLEDGE

Malkapur Congressman's House Raided

MALKAPUR, Jan. 25.

Mr. D. R. Rawat, Secretary Congress Committee, wires:—

The local police officers, under orders of the District Magistrate, searched in the house and office of Seth Motilalji Kela, a prominent Congress leader at Malkapur, and confiscated some papers of the resolution of Independence this has caused a sensation in the town

The Congress is backed fully by the masses.

RAID ON RANGOON CONGRESS OFFICE

RANGOON, Jan. 25.

The office of Rameshnath Gowtam, the Secretary of the Burma Provincial Congress Committee, was raided and searched by the police to-day.

Copies of the Independence Day pledge were removed from the files of the Congress office.—A P

Police Search Press At Jubbulpore

JUBBULPORE, Jan. 26.

In observance of Independence Day a crowded public meeting was held under the presidency of Seth Govind Das.

The police searched "Raja Gokuldas" Press, but found nothing incriminating. The house of Mr. Kamta Prasad Bahele, a member of the All-India Congress Committee, was also searched.—United Press.

Hunt For Independence Pledge At Bareilly

BAREILLY, Jan. 26.

Following the imposition of the ban on the reading or publication of the Congress Independence Pledge by the United Provinces Government, the police assisted by the C. I. D. carried out searches in various places in the City, including the house of the Chairman of the District Board and the Congress office.

Copies of leaflets embodying the pledge were seized from the Congress Office.—A. P.

Raid On Press At Belgaum

BELGAUM, Jan. 26.

The office of the "Arunodaya", a Kanarese weekly, was searched by the police to-day, who attached all copies of its issue dated 24th January containing the Independence Pledge banned by Government.

Independence Day was celebrated with a flag salutation this morning and a public meeting will take place to-night.—A. P.

SANGLI BANS PLEDGE.

SANGLI, January 26.

The State Government has banned the reading and publication of the Congress Independence Pledge.—A. P.

BIYANI CONDEMNS GOVT. INTERFERENCE

AKOLA, January 26.

Mr. Biyani, in a statement refers to what he terms as Government interference and instances the notice served on Dr. Khedkar. He says this was a fresh instance and showed the strength of the Congress in Berar. Every act of repression, he says: makes it necessary for Berar voters to vote solidly for the Congress and he had not the least doubt that the people of Berar would stand the test. He was sure that Congress would succeed in spite of all obstacles.—A.P.

BAN ON SPEECHES, BUT MOVEMENTS FREE

Judges Order On Biyani's Revision Application

AKOLA, January 26.

Mr. Sahasrabhude, District and Sessions Judge, Akola, made the following order regarding the revision application filed by Mr. Biyani, "ordered he shall furnish a bail for Rs. 3,000 with surety for like amount with condition that he shall not take active part in any public meetings and make any speeches during the continuance of his being at large on bail. Otherwise his movements shall remain unfettered."

It will be recalled that Mr. Biyani was ordered not to leave Akola, etc.—A.P.

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Mody Appeals To Empty Congress Benches!

Insurance Bill Introduced In Assembly

Need For Law Arises From Tremendous Expansion Of Indian Concerns

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT)

NEW DELHI, January 26.

It looked like "an Assembly in miniature" when the House reassembled to-day, and after another eighty-minutes sitting had to disperse for want of work. Only forty members, were present when the President took his seat Sir H. P. Mody being the sole occupant in the Opposition Bloc.

The ludicrousness of the situation was in fact brought out, when Sir Homi in the course of his reply to Mr. Joshi's speech flung his arms with mock seriousness towards the empty Opposition benches, and said he appealed to that side of the House to reject Mr. Joshi's amendment.

Questions numbering nearly 100 on the order paper took barely ten minutes though Mr. Lalchand Navalrai, emulating the example of Mr. Satyamurthi tried to heckle the Treasury Bench with supplementaries. After the formal presentation of the Insurance Bill, proceedings turned into a diverting duel between Sir Frank Noyce and Mr. Joshi.

"Mr. Joshi is never satisfied and always asks for more" complained the Industries Member.

"Never" echoed Sir H. P. Mody, while the House laughed.

The subject under discussion was the official resolution declining the ratification of the Geneva Labour Conventions relating to social insurance schemes for workers and compulsory holidays every year in certain industries.

The House rose at 12-30 p.m. It appears as if short two-hour sitting will continue to be the normal feature of the Assembly until the Congress Party arrives.

CONGRESS ABSENCE TELLS

Short Session Of Assembly

At the meeting of the Legislative Assembly this morning, Sir N. N. Sircar, Law Member, introduced the Insurance Bill.

The statement of objects and reasons says that the law relating to insurance in British India is contained in Act Five of 1912 which regulates Provident Insurance Societies Act Six of 1912, which regulates Life Assurance Companies Act Twenty of 1928 which was amended later in certain respects but was primarily aimed at providing for collection of statistical information in respect of insurance business other than life insurance business carried on in India by external companies.

Marked Increase

The marked increase in volume of life insurance business and development of other forms of insurance business in British India since 1912 soon suggested that more comprehensive legislation was needed.

A bill was prepared in 1925 to extend to other classes of insurance business the supervision already exercised over life insurance. The appointment in England almost simultaneously of a departmental committee presided over by Mr. A C Clauson to report on amendment of Assurance Companies Act, 1909 on which the Indian Act Six of 1912 had been largely based was decided and the Government of India decided to postpone that Bill and await legislation resulting from Clauson Enquiry.

The Enquiry however though completed in 1927 was not immediately followed by and has not yet resulted in legislation in England, although the report of the Committee contained a draft bill embodying the recommendations of the committee for the re-enactment of 1909 Act with extensive modifications.

In the meantime Act 20 of 1928 was passed by the Indian Legislature and it was hoped that the information collected through it would be of value when the time came to consider the problems affecting Indian insurance.

In 1935 Government decided to proceed with the reform of insurance law without waiting for the enactment of legislation in England. Mr. S C Sen was placed on special duty to examine the material which had been collected concerning the amendment of the Company Law in general and Insurance Law in particular.

In 1936 the Indian Companies (Amendment) Act 1935 was passed. The project of revising the law on insurance was at once taken up. A small Advisory Committee of experts representing various interests was assembled in autumn 1936 to consider in detail the various recommendations contained in Mr. Sen's report. This bill embodies the proposals which Government have decided to submit to the Legislature after consideration of Mr. Sen's recommendations and opinions of Advisory Committee.

Increased Supervision

The draft Bill includes in one enactment subjects dealt with by two separate Acts of 1912 but relegates provisions relating to Provident Insurance Societies to a separate part

It provides inter alia for the following matters.

It increases the supervision exercised over all concerns transacting insurance business of whatever kind in British India whether these are indigenous concerns or external companies represented in India by branches or agencies and treats agents acting for Lloyds under-writers on the same basis as such branches or agencies.

Registration which was formerly unnecessary except for provident insurance societies, is proposed for general application and the principle of exacting deposits hitherto applied only to indigenous companies transacting life insurance business has been similarly extended.

Inadequately Financed Companies

The amount of deposit has been increased with the object of more effectively discouraging the formation of companies inadequately financed and where business of life insurance is to be carried on a minimum net sum of Rs. 50,000 is required as working capital.

Provision has been made for full disclosure of information required to ensure sound principles of finance and management. Powers to enforce punctual submission of returns and ensure their accuracy and additional powers of inspection of insurance companies are taken.

External companies are required to keep in their principal offices in British India accounts and other documents whereby their returns concerning their business in India can be checked.

Certain restrictions are imposed on investment of funds of insurance companies, and external concerns are required to keep a portion of their assets invested in Indian Government securities.

The existing provisions in law relating to winding up of insurance companies and amalgamation and transfer of insurance business has been enlarged. Provisions have been inserted to regulate a assignment and transfer of policies of life insurance and making of nominations.

Managing Agents Banned

Power is given to companies to pay into court moneys due under policy where there is difficulty in securing proper discharge.

It is proposed to prohibit the employment of managing agents in future and bring the existing managing agencies to an early end.

In order to secure a fair treatment for the Indian insurance companies operating in foreign countries, the power is taken to subject nationals of foreign countries to any restrictions that are imposed in that country on Indian insurance concerns operating there.

Certain proposals are put forward aiming at checking the practice of rebating and payment of excessive commissions. These include provision for licensing of insurance agents.

Administration of the Act will be carried out through a Superintendent of Insurance who will normally be the Government actuary. To him is also assigned the supervision of provident insurance societies.

Provident Insurance

Provisions relating to provident insurance societies subject these to more effective supervision than hitherto has been exercised.

Name adopted by any such society will indicate its status. Business on dividing principle is prohibited so that societies dependent on this class of business will disappear.

A minimum initial working capital is required and the principle of deposit is applied. Rules of a society will disclose fuller information of the working of the society.

All schemes of insurance operated by a society are to be subjected to acturial examination so that unsound schemes may be eliminated and periodical actuarial investigation must be made into the financial condition of a society.

Proper books of accounts must be maintained and accounts must be audited. Separate classes of business must be brought separately to account and a separate fund must be maintained in connection with particular group of contingencies.

Assets Protected

Assets are further protected by a provision requiring investment in trust securities of certain percentage of total assets. Increased powers of inspection and enquiry are taken. Other features of this part are the application to policies issued by provident societies of provisions governing transfer and assignment of life insurance policies and nominations. Liquidation procedure formerly governed by rules by local Government is now to be provided for in act itself.—A. P.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN EXPERT

Will Study Irrigation Works In India

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI: January 25.

Following the visit of the representative of the Chinese Government to study schemes of Indian Hydraulic Engineering, at present in the Punjab, Mr. F. W. Andrews, Plant Pathologist, Agricultural Research Service of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan Government arrived here this morning for the purpose of studying irrigation works in India.

Interviewed by the Associated Press. Mr. Andrews said he will remain in India four months, and visiting almost every agricultural centre to submit recommendations to the Agricultural Research Service in Sudan for development of cotton agriculture. Conditions in India, particularly in Hyderabad (Deccan) were similar to those prevailing in Sudan, specially black soil cotton areas, where Egyptian cotton was cultivated. This similarly also extended to the irrigation schemes in Sind and the Punjab.

Mr. Andrews is leaving for Sakbrand to-night, where he will spend two days. Thence he will proceed to Sukkur and visit the Lloyd Barrage.

Mr. Andrews has been in communication with Sir Bryce Burt, who is kindly affording him all necessary facilities for his study.

Sir Ernest Burdon. Auditor-General, now touring India, arrived this morning on a two days' visit and is staying at the Government House.

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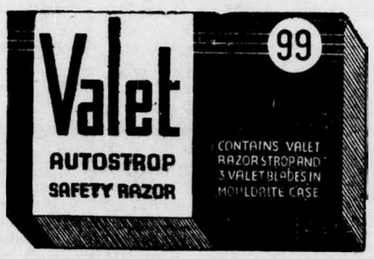

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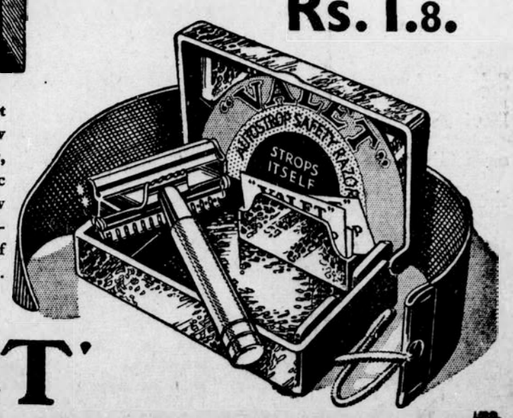

'VALET'

Mainly About Motion Pictures

Gul Hamid and Bimla Kumari in "Bagh-i-Sipahi" to be shown at the Imperial

Question Of The Week

When will Music in Indian Films be integrated as part of the Photo-Play?

"BAGH-I-SIPAHI" OR "REBEL-SOLDIER"

At The Imperial On Saturday

(CONTRIBUTED)

Cinema-fans all over India have always been eager to see East India Film Co. (Calcutta)'s marvel of celluloid—"Bagh-i-Sipahi" or "The Rebel Soldier"—which will be released at the Imperial Cinema next Saturday. Those who love to see old historical romances when knights were bold and when the courteous used to sacrifice their lives for their masters, for their country, to them "Bagh-i-Sipahi" is positively going to appeal.

"Bagh-i-Sipahi" is a historical romance of old kingdom of Firdous—when the shrewd minister Khakan saves the whole country from disaster of falling into the hands of the foreigners. He has a beautiful daughter—Nadira—who is loved by a rebel soldier who is prepared to lay down his life for the sake of his country. There follows series of interesting situations which keep the audience spell-bound till end. The minister Khakan by his clever ways of political deals wonderfully manipulates the whole plot.

There are your favourite stars. Gul Hamid—the famous, handsome hero of the screen plays the rebel soldier and Bimla Kumari as his sweetheart, Mohamed Ishak plays as clever minister Khakan. There are Mazaharkhan, Indoobala, Patience Cooper and Lalita.

This great picture will be released through Super Film circuit at Imperial Cinema next Saturday.

"DILAWAR"

Third Week At The Globe

(CONTRIBUTED)

If you want something very sensational and thrilling in movies go to the Globe Talkie where you will find all these in Bhavnani Productions' latest thriller 'Dilawar' which is drawing crowded houses in spite of its 3rd week.

"Dilawar" is a story of an Indian amazon who in order to defy the tyranny of the blood-sucking moneylenders becomes a terror in the mountains. She is the talk of the town—everywhere her name means terror to the miserly moneylenders. There comes another young man to help her in her noble profession—and the series of stirring incidents take place.

You will see death-defying stunts performed by Navin Yajnik who jumps in the death trap arranged by the villain—but by clever and courageous means. There are stars-like Miss Moti, Shrimati Prabha, Nayampally and Shivram.

If you love thrills and hair-raising stunts come and join the crowd at the Globe Talkies—It is heard that Messrs Dahyabhai Saiebhai and Co., of Surat have taken over the Globe Talkies, on hire for three years and hence it will have new management from 19th February when the opening will be declared by Saroj's "Imanfarosh."

Devika Rani in "Izzat" at the Royal Opera

Kumari Gohar in "Pardeshi Pankhi" coming Ranjit release at West-End

Indian Screen Approximated To Environment

Bombay Talkies "Izzat" At The Opera

(By Our Dramatic Critic).

The socio-historical film version of the story by the late Dr. G. Nundy, adapted by Miss J. Nundy, as "Izzat," saw a welcome crowded premiere at the Opera on Saturday evening. The Bhils and the Marathas constitute the elements of conflict. What the statesmanship of an old Maratha Patel secures by way of peace and fraternity with the neighbouring Bhil, hill-tribes, the ambitious scorn of the younger Patel spurns and the outraged self-respect—"Izzat"—of the tribes form the leading motif of the photo-play. The narration of the tribal customs, the folk or may-be, jungle life of the Bhils, the social background of a sturdy, if naive, outlook on life and the reactions of courtly intrigues on people, who rely on direct action and their muscular arms are so skilfully introduced and touched that the atmosphere of sympathy towards the Bhils, so essential to cine-art and so rare in Indian pictures, is built up from the very outset by almost imperceptible suggestive direction. Our acquaintance with the simple emotions and passions of the Bhils is tempted not to fall short of intimacy. For the time being we forget the Marathas and forget as well their dread onslaught on these charming honest and earthly tribes. This atmosphere of close, personal, interest in their affairs, social more than political continues with few exceptions till the very end of the tragic film story. That is one of the remarkable qualities of "Izzat." It is heightened at such moments as when "Radha" (Devika

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Srimati Wadkar and Baburao Pendharker in "Dharmaveer" shown at the Majestic and Wellington.

THE "VILLAGE GIRL"

At The Roxy

(CONTRIBUTED)

Crowded houses for two weeks at the Roxy Talkies have taken Sagar Movietone's Rural classic "Village Girl" into the third week. The picture has made a sensation amongst all classes of people, because it portrays a theme which is rather unusual and in a way which can only be called revolutionarily novel. Born in the village, Kumar goes to the city to complete his studies. His father Ramnath who can claim poverty as his only possession, somehow manages to defray his son's educational expenses by obtaining the sympathy of his better placed friend Dinanath. Bansari, beautiful and innocent, is the only child of Dinanath. From childhood she had idolized Kumar and what could be more welcome to her when her father and Ramnath agreed on her marriage with Kumar. Kumar unaware of the happenings in his native village falls in love with "Vilas" the only daughter of Pranlal, a wealthy merchant. Spoiled by a loving father and a kind fate, Vilas has become a small tyrant always imperious and highstrung. A liaison soon springs up between Vilas and Kumar, but just then Kumar has to return home and in spite of his protests, he is compelled to get married to Bansari.

Kumar leaves for the town, presumably to seek for a job. With the usual trick of fate, Vilas is facing secretly the prospect of motherhood, Dinanath flings this cruel fact in the face of Kumar and after a heartrending row Kumar and Vilas find themselves on the streets all alone. Unable to stand the disgrace of a scandal Dinanath commits suicide on the second wedding day of Kumar, Ramnath, Kumar's father, having learnt of his son's folly, starts for the town to prevent his second marriage but by a cruel trick of fate is himself run over by Kumar's car. Ramnath's death fills Kumar's mother and now the village girl Bansari steps into the story and decides to come to town to join her husband. Subsequent events are too tragic and to realise their intensity one must just see them on the screen. Sabitadevi with her vibrant personality has carried the entire burden of the success of the picture on her shoulders. With songs and emotion, she portrays the beautiful village girl.

"PRESIDENT" OR "DIDI"

(CONTRIBUTED)

Bombay has an opportunity to see the trailer of New Theatres "President" which is running at Krishna Talkies, and they rave about it. From the trailer, they have been able to measure the picture. And it is a well-known fact that whenever New Theatres release a picture, it becomes necessarily the event of the city. That is why 'President' is creating a big fan before it knocks the doors of the city. This Picture will be released in the middle of February. The veteran Saigal leads the male cast—Nawab also is there with his unique acting. Kamalesh Kumari, Lila Desai and Vikram fill the cast with Nipan Bose who is responsible for such hits as 'Dhoopchhaon', 'Chandidas', is again offering a graphic flower of art.

Madhuri in "Rangila Raja" now running at the West-End (Ranjit)

Srimati Aruna Devi in "Village Girl" at the Roxy

"DHARMAVEER"

At Wellington And Majestic

(CONTRIBUTED)

A musical comedy with an undercurrent of intrigue, a gay romance with a dark background, a light force shadowed with tragedy are the various descriptions which audiences at the Majestic and Wellington are attempting to give "Dharmaveer," the second production of Huns Pictures (who it will be recalled gave us "Chhaya"). It is a fast moving story, giving no time to the spectators even to guess. It is a cruel satire on the hypocrisy prevalent in modern society. Baburao Pendharkar as the master hypocritic Deenanath is marvellous. Indira Wadkar of the haunting voice has a role peculiarly suited to her natural gifts while Ratnaprabha has blossomed out into a lively flower-girl with an undreamt-of vivacity. The small characters are all typical and by themselves amusing.

But 'Dharmaveer' is really Vinayak's picture. His very appearance on the screen is a signal to general hilarity. Ingenious characterisation is positively new to the Indian Screen. Speed.

"Dharmaveer" has only six songs—six tunes of beautiful music. Indira Wadkar gives two classical renderings, Ratnaprabha gives three lilting melodies and Vinayak croons a crazy love-lyric which the driest of elderly men are even secretly trying to hum to themselves in quiet corners.

In photography Pandurangrao Naik has surpassed his beautiful work on "Chhaya."

Saigal and Kamlesh Kumari in "President" New Theatres forthcoming release

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BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY AND COUNCIL

Polling Stations For City And Suburban Districts

The Director of Information, Bombay writes:

The Collector of Bombay has now determined the polling stations for the various constituencies of the Bombay Legislative Assembly and Bombay Legislative Council in Bombay City and Suburban District. They are briefly as follows:—

BOMBAY LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Bombay City cum Bombay Suburban District General and Muhammadan Constituencies (Urban.)

Polling Station Town Hall, Bombay City and Suburban District.

Bombay Legislative Assembly

Bombay City South Muhammadan Urban.

POLLING STATION

For Men

Town Hall (Fort A Ward.) Anjuman-I-Islam High School, Hornby Road (Mandvi B Ward.) Chunilal Mehta Hut (Scouts Hut) Esplanade Maidan, Esplanade Road (Mandvi B Ward.) Military Sheds Pavilion, Marine Lines, (Bhuleshwar C Ward.) Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge, (Girgaum D Ward.)

For Women

Sydenham College of Commerce, Hornby Road (A, B, C and D Wards.)

Bombay City North and Bombay Suburban District Muhammadan Urban.

(1) BOMBAY CITY

For Men

Sir Elly Kadoorie School, Mazagon (Byculla E Ward.) Morland Road Urdu Boys' School, Morland Road (Byculla, E Ward.) Dadar Police Court (F and G Wards.)

For Women

Mazagon Police Court (E, F and G Wards.)

BOMBAY CITY INDIAN CHRISTIAN CONSTITUENCY URBAN

Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall (A and B Wards.) Antonio D'Souza High School, Byculla (C and D Wards.) G. I. P. Railway Byculla Goods Depot (E Ward.) Dr. Antonio Da Silva High School, Lady Jamsetji Road, Dadar (F and G Wards.)

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Town Hall.

Bombay City (Fort, Mandvi, Bhuleshwar and Girgaum) General Urban.

A-WARD

Polling Station: Polling Area Municipal Ward.)

For Men

Town Hall (Fort A Ward.) Sir Cowasji Jehangir Hall Fort, A Ward.) Elphinstone College, 2nd floor (Fort, A Ward.)

For Women

Convocation Hall of the University (A Ward.)

B-WARD

For Men

St. Xavier's College, Cruickshank Road (Mandvi, B Ward.) Sir Chunilal Mehta Hut (Scout Hut), Esplanade Maidan (Mandvi, B Ward.) Sydenham College of Commerce (Mandvi B Ward.)

For Women

Elphinstone High School (Main Hall), Dhobi Talao (B Ward.)

C-WARD

For Men

Military Sheds Pavilion, Marine Lines (Bhuleshwar, C Ward.) St. Terresa High School for Girls, Swadeshi Mills Compound, Girgaum (Bhuleshwar, C Ward.) The Marwari Vidyalaya High School, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum (Bhuleshwar, C Ward.) Modern High School, Sicca Nagar, Girgaum Back Road (Bhuleshwar, C Ward.) Wilson High School, Girgaum (Bhuleshwar, C Ward.)

For Women

Chanda Ramji Girls' High School near C. P. Tank, Girgaum Back Road (C Ward.)

D-WARD

For Men

Tutorial High School, Kennedy Bridge (Girgaum, D Ward.) Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge (Girgaum, D Ward.) Robert Money School, Proctor Road (Girgaum, D Ward.) Polling Station: Polling Area (Municipal Ward.) Wilson College, Chaupatty (Girgaum, D Ward.) Gilder Tank School, Lamington Road, Grant Road (Girgaum, D Ward.) The Union High School, Khetwadi Main Road (Girgaum, D Ward.) Vanita Vishram, Sandhurst Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

For Women

St. Columba Middle School for Girls Gowalia Tank Road (East and West Blocks) (Girgaum, D Ward.)

Bombay City (Byculla and Parel)—General Urban.

E-WARD

For Men

St. Andrew's Gujarati Primary School, Souter Street (Byculla, E Ward.) St. Mary's High School, Khushru Lodge, Mazagaon (Byculla, E Ward.) Sir Elly Kadoorie School, Mazagaon (Byculla, E Ward.) Morland Road Urdu Boys' School, Morland Road (Byculla E Ward.) Mazagaon Police Court (Byculla, E Ward.)

For Women

The Nicolson Hall of St. Peter's School, Mazagaon (E Ward.)

F-WARD

For Men

King George English School, Dadar (Parel, F Ward.) Napoo Hall, Matunga (Parel, F Ward.) Dadar Police Court, Dadar (Parel, F Ward.) G. I. P. Railway Byculla Goods Depot, Byculla (Parel, F Ward.)

For Women

Ramchandra Bhat High School, Poibawdi, Parel (F Ward.) Bombay City North and Bombay Suburban District-General Urban.

G-WARD

(1) BOMBAY CITY

For Men

Chubildas Lulloobhoy Boys' High School, Chubildas Road, Dadar (G Ward.) Dr. Antonio Da Silva High School, Dadar (G Ward.) Kastoorchand Mills Sheds, Dadar (G Ward.) Dadar Hindu Gymkhana, Shivaji Park, Dadar (G Ward.)

For Women

C. K. P. Hall, Dadar (G Ward.)

(1) Bombay City North and Bombay Suburban District Muhammadan Urban.

(2) Bombay City North and Bombay Suburban District General Urban.

(2) BOMBAY SUBURBAN DIST.

Polling Station. Place for voting.

I. Andheri: (Gazder Hall, Andheri.)

II. Bandra: Municipal School Building, Waterfield Road, Bandra

III. Borivli: Borivli Khot's Bungalow (N. A. C.'s Office), Ghodbunder Road, Borivli.

IV. Chembur: Local Board School Building at Chembur.

V. Ghatkopar: Municipal Office Building, Ghatkopar.

VI. Kurla: Municipal A. V. School Building, Kurla.

VII. Malad: Local Board School Building, Malad.

VIII. Mulund: Local Board School Building, Mulund.

IX. Santa Cruz: Podar High School, Santa Cruz

X. Vile Parle: Municipal Office Building Vile Parle.

BOMBAY CITY (GIRGAUM) WOMEN'S CONSTITUENCY (GENERAL URBAN)

For Men

Polling Station. Polling Area (Municipal Ward.)

1 Tutorial High School, Kennedy Bridge (Girgaum, D Ward.)

2. Blavatsky Lodge Hall, French Bridge (Girgaum, D Ward.)

3. Robert Money School, Proctor Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

4. Wilson College, Choupatty (Girgaum, D Ward.)

5. Gilder Tank School, Lamington Road, Grant Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

6. The Union High School, Khetwadi Main Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

7. Vanita Vishram, Sandhurst Road, Girgaum (Girgaum, D Ward.)

FOR ALL WOMEN IN THE ELECTORAL ROLL FOR D-WARD

8. St. Columba Middle School for Girls, East Block, Gowalia Tank Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

9. St. Columba Middle School for Girls, West Block, Gowalia Tank Road (Girgaum, D Ward.)

Further details can be gathered from the printed list of polling stations which is obtainable from the Collector on payment of as. 3

Hire-Purchase And Instalment System, Root Of Motor Accident

If It Were Discontinued, Reckless Competition And Consequent Disastrous Effects Would Be Minimised, Says Maharatta Chamber

BOMBAY: Tuesday.

Mr. V. G. Kale and Mr. A. R. Bhatt, in the course of their evidence to-day on behalf of the Maharatta Chamber of Commerce and Industries, before the Motor Vehicles Insurance Committee stated that their Chamber is deeply interested in the problems connected with motor transport and that the reply they were giving to the Quetionnaire of the Committee were views ascertained and based on the information collected from Motor bus and lorry owners in Poona and persons who were interested in Motor Vehicles Insurance.

ARE DRIVERS RESPONSIBLE?

They said that so far as the system of reporting accidents is concerned, they were informed that the responsibility in this matter is laid on driver's shoulders. It is, however, difficult to say whether each and every accident is reported. But it would not be wrong to assume that where the injury is not very serious and where the driver or the lorry owners pays something by way of compensation to the injured person, there is very little chance of the accident being reported.

Although they have no statistics with them about the accidents caused by various types of motor vehicles, the general information gathered by the chamber showed that the number of accidents caused by buses and lorries is much larger than caused by private cars.

But in the course of inquiries made by the committee of the chamber, they were informed that about 90 per cent of the passenger buses plying for hire were purchased on hire-purchase or instalment system and out of such vehicles nearly 50 per cent. had to be taken back or sold by the owners

A number of bus owners in their discussion with them had expressed the view that if this system were discontinued or if the instalments were considerably reduced, the reckless competition in the motor bus plying trade which in its own turn was responsible for the large number of accidents, would be checked with beneficial results. The hire purchase system, which proves wholesome in normal conditions of trade as it helps the capable yet poor aspirants to enter particular business was according to bus owners referred to above, curse in the present abnormally bad condition of the motor-bus plying trade.

FIX PREMIUM AT MINIMUM RATE.

Mr. J. W. S. Milnes and F. E. James representing the Motor Manufacturers' Association also gave evidence before the Committee today, supporting the principle of compulsory Insurance against Third Party Risks for all classes of vehicls and against claims for compensation by fare-paying passengers.

They added that at the same time, the Association viewed with misgivings any measure which, in its opinion, would increase the running costs of motor vehicle operators, who, as a community, are already overburdened by taxation, having regard to the amenities offered.

They stated further that as the amount of cover will materially affect the premium, the Association would wish the minimum to be fixed as low as possible commensurate with the Government considers would adequately safeguard public interests.

NO EXTENSION OF CIVIC FRANCHISE BEYOND FIVE-RUPEE RENTAL?

Commissioner Disagrees With Corporation Committee's Recommendations

The Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee of the Bombay Corporation have submitted their report to the Corporation on the question of bringing the Municipal franchise in line with that for elections to the Bombay Provincial Legislative Assembly under the reformed constitution.

The Committee recommend that in addition to the five rupee rental franchise (already introduced), the following qualifications be recognised for enrolment of voters in the Municipal Election Roll and the Commissioner be requested to submit necessary draft amendments to the Municipal Act for the same:

(1). Assessment to Income-tax in the previous financial year.

(2). Passing of the Matriculation or the School Leaving.

Certificate Examination of the Bombay University, including the Indian Women's University, the Gujarat Vidyapith and the Tilak Mahavidyalaya.

(3). Special qualification for women, namely, being literate, that is able to read and write in some language selected by her.

(4). Additional qualification for certain castes, hitherto known as depressed classes, but now name "Scheduled Caste", namely, being literate, that is, able to read and write in some language selected by the person."

While recommending these qualifications the Committee wish to make it clear that the basic qualifications in respect of residence and age would apply in all cases.

COMMISSIONER'S "NO."

The Commissioner to whom the question was first referred, opposed any further widening of the franchise beyond the five-rupee rental franchise, on the ground that such widening would lead to confusion and the present franchise was wide enough. The Committee disagreed with the Commissioner in their Report. Mr. Mathuradas Tricumjee Chairman of the Committee added a minute that franchise qualifications should be simplified and that the correct move, according to him would be to confer franchise upon man and woman who either (a) pay five rupee monthly rent, or (b) are able to read and write an intelligible letter.

Messrs. K. H. Goregaoker and Meyer Nissim agreed with the Commissioner and disagreed with the Committee.

Major-General Sir Henry Edward Frieland, delegate and a director of the M. and S. M. Railway Company, was in Hubli on January 20 and 21. He inspected the newly built platform and the extended railway yard at Hubli.

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Latest Commercial News

NEW YORK COTTON 9 POINTS UP

Silver Steady And Wheat Easy But Rubber Strong

BOMBAY, Jan 26

On Tuesday cross rates ruled quiet.

NEW YORK COTTON FIRM

New York cotton ruled firm on good trade buying influenced by favourable interpretation of the commodity credit corporation's announcement.

SILVER STEADY

London gold was quiet but silver was steady.

WHEAT EASY

Wheat was easy in the absence of any stimulating outside cables. Jute was steady but rubber was firm.

SELLING PRESSURE IN SECURITIES

The London Stock Exchange was dull and irregular in the absence of any fresh buying. Giltedged securities came under selling pressure.

COTTON EXCHANGES

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES

MARCH 1937.

New York, Jan 26

Previous closing	12.48
To-day's opening	12.49
Difference	+.01
To-day's closing	12.57
Difference	+.09

LIVERPOOL COTTON

MARCH 1937.

Liverpool, Jan 26

Previous closing	6.88
To-day's opening	6 91
Difference	+.03
To-day's closing	6.96
Difference	+.08

BROACH EXPECTATION

April May ..... Rs. 225-8

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

New York, Jan 26

Fresh stimulus to the market was furnished by better interpretation placed upon the commodity credit corporation's announcement of differentials after overnight consideration as a result of which considerable trade buying ensued and prices rose rapidly with the general sentiment very cheerful.

Operations in March began at 12.49 i. e. 1 point higher than previous closing. Prices early advanced slightly on steadiness of Liverpool and scattered trade and foreign buying while later the market developed considerable activity in consequence of good trade buying influenced by favourable interpretation of CCC differentials with March soaring steadily to 12.61 with a very steady tendency.

New York cotton finally closed at 12.57 with a rise of 9 points for March delivery.

ALL LOCAL MARKETS CLOSED

Bombay, Jan 26

All local markets were closed to-day.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Jan 26

The following were the opening ranges:—

March (12.45/12.44) 12.51/12.49
May (12.31/12.30) 12.37/12.36
July (12.17/12.14) 12.23/12.21

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Liverpool, Jan 26

The following were the rates at 12-15 p.m.:—

American January (6.90) 6.95
American March (6.88) 6.93
Egyptian January (9.75) 9.78
Egyptian March (9.90) 9.90

BROACH COTTON

Bombay, Jan 26

The market was entirely closed to-day.

LONDON MARKETS

London, Jan 26

The rates at 3-30 p m were as follows:—

METALS

Tin (£226 1/2 buyers £226 3/4 sellers. Easy) £226 1/4 buyers £226 1/2 sellers. Steady

Lead (£26 15/16 buyers, No sellers) £26 9/16 sellers. No buyers. Steady

Electrolytic Copper (£56 to £57) £57 to £57 3/4

Glasgow Iron (£87) £87

LINSEED

Castorseed Bombay Jan-Feb. (£14 1/2 sellers) £14 1/2 sellers

Linseed Calcutta January February (£14 3/16 sellers) £14 3/16 sellers

Linseed La Plata January (£11 3/4 sellers) £11 3/4 sellers.

Groundnuts Coromandal February (£15 3/4 sellers) £15 9/16 sellers

TEA

Indian Pekoe (1-0 1/4) 1-0 1/4
Indian Pekoe higher (1-2 3/4) 1-3
Ceylon Pekoe (1-0 1/2) 1-0 1/2
Ceylon Pekoe higher (2-2 1/2) 2-2 1/2

UTE

New Crop January February (£18 1/2 sellers) £18 1/2 value

Dunlop February (£22 1/4 sellers) £22 1/4 sellers

Ceylon Pekoe (1-0 1/2) 1-0 1/2

Lightning February (£20 1/2 sellers) £20 1/2 sellers.

RUBBER

Spot (10 3/16 value) 10 5/16 buyers

Forward April June (10 1/8 paid and buyers) 10 5/8 paid and value

WOOL SALES

Liverpool, Jan 26

Poor selection sustained demand for best kinds. Home trade secured the bulk.

EXCHANGES

LONDON-NEW YORK CROSS RATES

Latest Quotations

T. T. NEW YORK ON LONDON.

New York, Jan 26

Previous closing	4.91 1/32
To-day's opening	4.90 23/32
To-day's latest	4.90 5/8

(At the time of New York cotton closing.)

T. T. LONDON ON NEW YORK.

London, Jan 26

Previous closing	
To-day's opening	4.90 13/16
To-day's closing	4.90 7/16
Difference	

FRANC RATE.

London, Jan 26

Previous closing	
To-day's opening	105.13
To-day's closing	105.15
Difference	

LONDON EXCHANGES

London, Jan 26

London exchanges opened with the sterling dollar at 4.90 13/16 and then improved to 4.90 15/16 subsequently again falling back to 4.90 13/16 on diminishing support.

The sterling dollar cross rate closed at 4.90 7/16

Franc opened at 105.13 and then gave way slightly to 105.15 where it then kept steady.

The sterling franc cross rate closed at 105.15.

SILVER CABLES

Bombay, Jan 26

The following cable information was received from London to-night.

"India bought. Speculators sold. Buyers satisfied. Market quiet."

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan 26

Spot	20 7/16d.	20 7/16d.
Forward	20 5/16d.	20 3/8d.

LONDON GOLD

London, Jan 26

Gold Bars fine per ounce (£7-1-9 1/2) £7-1-8 1/2

DISCOUNTS

London, Jan 26

3 months (9/16 to 9/16 per cent) 9/16 to 9/16 per cent.

4 months (9/16 to 5/8 per cent) 9/16 to 5/8 per cent

6 months (5/8 to 11/16 per cent) 5/8 to 11/16 per cent

CROSS RATES

London, Jan 26

3-30 p.m.

London on Bombay	(1-6 5/32) 1-6 5/32
Paris on Bombay	(7.945) 7.946
New York on Bombay	(37.07) 37.10
Berlin on Bombay	(0.92 1/8) 0.92 1/4
London on Milan	(93.18) 93.21
London on Shanghai	(1-2 19/32) 1-2 29/32
London on Kobe	(1-1 31/32) 1-1 31/32

LIVERPOOL WHEAT

Liverpool, Jan 26

Liverpool wheat opened steady with March at 100 1/4 and May 101 3/4. Although early market displayed steadiness in consequence of encouraging overseas cables, prices later became easier on lack of confidence with the entire absence of demand both at home and abroad.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago, Jan 26

Chicago wheat opened steady with May at 1.28 3/4. Prices advanced slightly on some scattered local support but the demand was very slow in the absence of any stimulating outside cables.

WHEAT AND LINSEED

Closing Quotations

Bombay, Jan 25

	Rs	a	p.
Wheat	5	7	9
Wheat September	5	6	0
Linseed May	7	8	3
Linseed September	7	11	9

The tone was steady.

BOMBAY BULLION

Latest Quotations

Bombay, Jan 26

	Rs	a.	p
Silver ready	56	6	0
Silver 1st settlement	50	8	0
Silver 2nd settlement	50	2	0
Gold ready	35	1	3
Gold 1st settlement	35	1	3
Gold 2nd settlement	35	1	0
Sovereigns	22	5	6

The market closed at 3-0 p.m.

INDIAN STERLING LOAN

London, Jan 26

The 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £96 as against the previous closing at £96 1/4

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

London, Jan 26

3-30 p.m.

On account of the lack of fresh support markets generally were dull and rather irregular. Tea shares were steady to firm. Copper shares after being easier became firmer.

BRITISH FUNDS

2 1/2 per cent Consols (£83) £82 7/8

3 1/2 per cent Government Loan (£105 3/4) £105 5/8

4 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan (£107 7/8) £107 3/4

5 per cent Funding Loan (£114 7/8) £115

3 1/2 per cent War Loan (£104 5/8) £104 1/2

4 per cent Victory Bonds (£113 5/8) £113 1/2

INDUSTRIALS

British Celanese 2nd Preference (17-0) 17-0

Marks and Spencer Ordinary (91-10 1/2) 90-7 1/2

Hydro Electric (dol 10 1/2) dol 10 3/8

Musical Industries (23-3) 22-10 1/2

Princhin Johnson (54-6) 54-6

Imperial Chemical (41-10 1/2) 40-9

Woolworth Ordinary (86-10 1/2) 86-10 1/2

Realisation 1930 (£98 3/4) £96 3/4

Dunlop Rubber (35-9) 35-9

Unilever Ordinary (44-9) 44-9

Ford Motors (32-0) 32-0

Cables and Wireless (£7 1/8) £7 1/4

British American Tobacco (133-1 1/2) 133-1 1/2

Carreas A (£8 5/8 Ex Rights) £8 1/2

Imperial Tobacco Ordinary (170-0) 170-0

P and O S N Company Deferred (32-0) 32-0

Distillers (120-6) 120-0

Bredfords Dyers (10-6) 10-6

British Celanese (9-0) 9-0

J and P Coates Ordinary (54-1 1/2) 54-1 1/2

Courtaulds Ordinary (57-9) 57-3

Fine Cotton Spinners (13-0) 13-0

Vickers Limited Ordinary (35-0) 34-9

Inter Nickels (£65) £64 5/8

Indian Iron and Steel Ordinary (45-0) 45-0

Tata Iron and Steel (£104) £104

3½ P. C. GOVT. PAPER

Closing Quotation

Bombay, Jan 26

5-0 p.m.

There was no business to-day.

INDIAN LOANS

London, Jan 26

3 per cent New Indian Loan (£99 1/2) £99 1/2

3 1/2 per cent Indian Loan (£96 3/4) £96 3/4

4 1/2 per cent Indian Stock 1950-55 (£114) £114

4 1/2 per cent 1958-68 (£118) £118

4 per cent Indian 1948-53 (£108) £108

5 per cent Indian 1942/47 (£113) £113

3 1/2 per cent New Indian 1954/59 (£105) £105

AUSTRALIAN LOANS

3 per cent Australian Loan 1945-70 (£108 5/8) £108 1/2

TEA SHARES

Assam Company (20-6) 20-6

Donaro Tea (47-6) 48-1 1/2

Empire of India (31-0) 31-0

RUBBER SHARES

Anglo Dutch Rubber (43-0) 43-0

Gula Kelampong (56-3) 56-3

Rubber Plant Inv Trust (41-10 1/2) 41-10 1/2

JUTE SHARES

Barnagore (£11 1/4) £11 1/4

MINING SHARES

Nandydrug (60-0) 60-0

Burma Corporation (16-7 1/2) 16-7 1/2

Rio Tintos (£22 3/4) £22 3/4

East Rand Proprietors (80-0) 80-0

Rand Mines (9 1/8) 9 1/8

MINE SHARES

Crown Mines (£16 1/4) £16 1/4

Gedule New (£10 3/4) £10 3/4

New Moddars (£32 1/2) £32 1/2

Sub Nigel (£13 1/2) £13 1/4

Spring Mines Split Shares (39-4 1/2) 39-4 1/2

Union Corporation (£10 1/4) £10 1/4

OIL SHARES

Venezuela Persian (53-9) 55-7 1/2

Anglo Iranian (111-3) 110-7 1/2

Burma Oil (116-3) 116-3

Musical Eagle (30-7 1/2) 29-6

Shell Transport (£135 5/8) £135 5/8

Royal Dutch (£46 1/2) £46 1/2

HOME RAIL SHARES

Great Western (£62 1/4) £62

L and S Ordinary (£32 3/4) £32 3/4

L N E R Defd (£5 3/8) £5 3/4

Southern Dutch (£26 3/8) £26 3/4

London Paris 5 per cent (£132 1/4) £133 1/2

London Transport 'C' Stock (£96 1/4) £96 3/4

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

New York, Jan 26

The following were the opening rates:

General Motor (dol 67 1/8) dol 66 3/8

Anaconda Copper Mining (dol 53 5/8) dol 53 1/8

U S Steel Common (dol 87 1/4) dol 86 7/8

U S Steel Preference (dol 145) dol 140 3/4

APATHETIC CONDITIONS IN STOCK EXCHANGE

Further Weakness In Securities

(SPECIAL CABLE)

LONDON, Jan 26

Stock Exchange: Apathetic conditions continued throughout the market with giltedgeds showing further weakness. Leading rubbers showed some signs of improvement at the close in sympathy with a sharp advance in the commodity following the announcement that the international rubber committee fixed 85 per cent export quota for the third quarter of the current year.

Among other commodities copper was firm on good consumer buying. Cocoa was weak on heavy speculative liquidation.

Wall Street was quietly irregular.

SMALL BUSINESS IN JUTE SHARES

Coals Steady & Teas Dull

CALCUTTA, Jan 26

Jutes ruled practically at about yesterday's prices and the volume of business was very small. Coals remained fully steady and fair volume of business was reported. Teas were rather dull. In miscellaneous, Iron and Steels ruled steady, while others were more or less featureless. Government securities were easier. Following were the closing quotations:—

Government securities: Three per cent G P 89/4 small odd lot, three and half per cent G P 97/8; three and half per cent loan 1947/50 106/3; four and half per cent loan 1955/60 119/2; five per cent loan 1940/43 111; three per cent U P 1961/66 98/1; four per cent loan 1960/70 114/3 small lot; five per cen t1945/55 120/4; four per cent Punjab 194 110/4

Banks: Allahabad pref 143/8 small lot; Central 35/8; Imperial fully paid 1540 small odd lot; Reserve Bank 133 ex div.

Railways: Ahmadpur Katwa 90 small lot; Arrah Sasaram 76 small lots; Mymensingh Bhairab Bazar Rebate 100; Sara Serajganj 102

Cottons: Bengal Nagpur 16/12; E D Sassoon United annas 13; Elgin Mills ordy 131; Kesoram 4/7

Coals: Amalgamated 26; Bengal Nagpur 35; Burra Dhemo 3/10; Equitable 36/8; Marine (A) 10/4; Marine (B) 10/4; Rewa 22/4; Raneegunge 34/8; Satpukuria and Asansol annas 15; Senda 13/8; Bansra 4; Bengal 307; Churulia 1/10 small odd lot; Barrakur 16/4; Mundulpore 7/12; Nazira 9; Samla 1/12; Talcher 2/7.

Jutes: Anglo India 394/8; Barnagore 138; Belvedere 370; Delta 374; Fort William 265; Hukumchand ordy 10/4; Hukumchand pref 111; Kanknarrah 430 small lot; Kelvin 540; Kamarhatty 519; Lansdowne 156 small lot; Lansdowne pref 135/8; Nuddea 46/4; Orient 176 small lot.

Miscellaneous: Burma Corporation 11/7; Consolidated Tin 7/10; Indian Copper 4/1; Benares Electric 17/10 small lots; Bengal Telephone ordy 21/8; Bengal Telephone pref 14/12; U P Electric 215; Indian Iron and Steel new 23/11; Indian Standard Wagon ordy 55/8 small lot; Indian Standard Wagon pref 125; Saran Eng 16/2; Tata Iron and Steel defd 1212/8; British India Corporation 152; British India Corporation ordy 4/1; Dunlop Rubber ordy 14/7; Dunlop Rubber second pref 104; Indian Wood Products 28/2; Macfarlane and Co old 9/6 small lot; Kalimpong Ropeway 13/10; British Ceylon Corpn 8/8; Bharat Oil 1/3 premium; Moola Oil 3/4; Tide Water Oil 12/14; India Paper Pulp 163; Midnapore Zemindary 96 small lot; Bengal Timber 222/8; India General Navigation ordy 132 small odd lot.

Sugars: Champaran 19/8; Ryam 26/8 small lot.

Debentures: Three and quarter per cent Rangoon Municipal 98/10; three and quarter per cent 1956/66 Howrah Bridge 100/12 small lot.—A. P.

Security Proceedings Against Berar Congressman

AKOLA, Jan. 26.

Dr. Ketkar, President Murtazapur Taluka Congress Committee and leading Congress worker of Berar, was served with order under Sec. 108 Cr. P. C. to-day asking him show cause why he should not be bound over for a period of one year. The order which was issued by the City Magistrate directs Dr. Ketkar to appear before him to-morrow.—A. P.

INDIAN MINING REPRESENTATIVE

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Munindranath Mukherji has been elected from the Indian Mining Federation Constituency securing 13 votes.

Mr. Darab Cursetjee Driver and Mr. K. Basu were defeated securing six votes and one vote respective. All were non-party candidates.—A. P

INDIAN CHRISTIAN CANDIDATE

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Inges Beck (Chota Nagpur Catholic Sabha) was elected from the Indian Christian Constituency, securing 41 votes against 17 secured by Mr. C. N. De and 13 by Mr. S. K. Roy (both Bihar and Orissa Christian Council candidates).—A. P.

The French airman M. Doret, who was attempting a record fight from Paris to Tokio, has abandoned his project at Manghai on January 25.

CONGRESS VICTORIES EVERYWHERE

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and polled 21,777 votes while Mr. Choudhury, the Congress nominee secured 19,089.

The schedule caste seat in the same constituency went to Hemchandra Naskar, Congress.—A. P.

THREE MINISTERS RETURNED

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

With the election of Sir B. P. Singh Roy from the Burdwan Division Landholders' Constituency, all the three Bengal Ministers have been returned to the Provincial Legislative Assembly. One of the keenest contests was decided in Dacca, this afternoon, for the Legislative Council, in which the Maharaja of Mymensingh won by a majority of two votes. From the Calcutta North Urban Mahomedan H. S. Suhrawardy (Muslim League) has been returned, by defeating his three opponents including the Proja Party candidate.

SURPRISE DEFEAT

News of another surprise defeat has been received from Chittagong, where Mr. Anwarul Azim, M.L.A., lost to Maulana M. Islam Badi, by a large majority of votes. —A.P.

Landholders' Results

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Sir B. P. Singh Roy, Minister for Local Self-Government has been elected to the Bengal Legislative Assembly by 257 votes against 47 obtained by his rival Mr. S. C. Ghosh Maulik from the Burdwan division of the Landholders Constituency.

Mr. Ghosh Maulik was defeated in the recent election to the Council of State.

The Maharaja of Kasimbazar has been elected from the presidency division of Landholders.—A. P.

Nalini Ranjan Sarkar Elected

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Hari Shanker Paul, Mayor of Calcutta and President of the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce and Mr. Nalini Ranjan Sarkar, an ex-President of the Federation of the Indian Industries and Chambers of Commerce were elected to the Bengal Legislative Assembly from the Bengal National Chamber of Commerce Constituency, having secured 103 and 109 votes respectively.

The third candidate, who contested from this constituency Rai Bahadur Girija Nath Pal Chaudhury secured only 30 votes and accordingly forfeited his deposit money.—United Press.

CONGRESS VICTORY IN ASSAM

CALCUTTA, Jan. 26.

A Jalpaiguri message says that Mr. Narendra Narain Chakrabarty, Congress nominee, has been declared elected to the Bengal Legislativye Assembly from Pabna-cum-Bogra General Constituency.

Report comes from Nowgong (Assam) conveying the news of another Congress victory in the elections to the Assam Legislative Assembly, the successful candidate being Mr. Mohi Chandra Bora, who defeated Rai Bahadur Brindaban Goswami, the sitting Member.

HEAVY POLLING IN BIHAR

PATNA, Jan. 26.

To-day is the fourth day of polling for the Bihar Legislative Assembly, and so far, over a million voters, including over 50,000 women have gone to the polls.

Reports received from all over the province show that there had been no serious incident, and the polling is proceeding smoothly. Polling continues till the 29th, and intense activity even in the remotest rural areas show heavy polls.

The counting of votes in special constituencies has already begun, and in the general and "Mahomedan constituencies, will begin on February 1.—A. P.

S. SINHA ELECTED

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Sachchidananda Sinha (no party), Vice-Chancellor, Patna University, was declared elected from the University Constituency, defeating Rai Brij Raj Krishna (Congress nominee). Mr. Sinha polled 122 votes. while his rival secured 18.

Four votes were rejected.—A.P.

C. K. JAIN ELECTED

PATNA, Jan. 26.

Mr. Chakreshwar Kumar Jain has been elected to the Bihar Legislative Assembly from the Bihar Chamber of Commerce constituency securing 18 votes against 15 of his rival, Seth Kedarnath Goenka. Both were no party candidates.—A. P.

MERCHANTS CHAMBER, A NATIONAL INSTITUTION

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asked by a few friends to stand for the Presidentship of the Chamber. It was not a question of individuals so much as a question of principles. Throughout all these thirty years, we have seen the Chamber and its successive Presidents and Committees recognising the principle that business cannot be separated from politics. Situated as we are, it is useless to say that we can dissociate business from politics. Politics has its different colours, but generally the politics of this Chamber, as I believe of all our Indian Chambers of Commerce and even of the Federation of Indian Chambers, is the politics of a nationalistic colour. While the Chamber cannot be, by the very nature of things, affiliated to any political organisation as such, it would also not be appropriate or desirable that the guidance of its affairs should be in the hands of one whose outlook on the questions of the day may not be the general outlook of the Chamber as we have seen and known for the several years. Believe me, when I say that I did not consider it a pleasant task to oppose a man like Mr. A. D. Shroff, and yet as Socrates is reported to have said: 'Plato is dear to me, but Truth is dearer than Plato'. Urged by these considerations, I fought the election, and I have to thank you all for the result which is not so much indicative of honour done to me personally as honour to the spirit which permeates the land at present and is the inspiring force to no small extent even of the business community.

This Chamber has always maintained its distinct individuality during all these years, and I do not want that this individuality should suffer to any extent. At the same time, the heart-throbs of the Chamber have always been beating in unison with the surging national life of the country and now, as before, the Chamber, as a microcosm of the larger national life which is the microcosm, has to shape its policy in consonance with the national demands and urgings. This does not, and should not, mean that the Chamber loses its individuality, which I consider of as much importance as any other member of the Chamber. The Indian business community in Bombay has built up this Chamber with years of toil and work, and we all consider it as a sacred trust and we would all cooperate, regardless of our individual differences, in developing it more and more.

There is no necessity for an assurance on my part that as President of the Chamber, I have no parties or groups. I hope that with the co-operation of all the members, of whatever shades of opinion, I shall be able to steer the ship of the Chamber in the coming year with as much care as my predecessors did. I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks also to the Press, which regards the Chamber always as a national institution and which offers to it its unstinted co-operation.

PROBLEM OF POVERTY

The problem of India's poverty means the poverty of agricultural classes, to which is now added the tremendous problem of unemployment prevailing more or less among the middle and industrial classes. A proper and systematic development of industries in consonance with our national requirements may lead to a solution of these problems. There is also a supplementary solution, if I may so call it, to our chronic poverty, given by Mahatma Gandhi. Since 1921, he began to speak of "Khaddar", which might serve as a subsidiary occupation of the agriculturists. After these 15 years, he has emphasised that not only "Khaddar" but the development of all the rural inlustries should prove a key to our much discussed problem. The rural part of the problem has been more or less neglected, and even Government, apparently, had to wait till a Mahatma stressed the importance of rural industries. The programme which has been chalked out for the rural industries does not in any way conflict with the programme of industrialisation which has been more or less adopted by the country. Both are parts of the same problem and are supplementary to each other and not contradictory.

Railways And Shipping

Mr. Gordhandas G. Morarji, the new Vice-President after referring to the appointment of the Railway Enquiry Committee and the protest made against the non-inclusion of an Indian on its personnel said that the outlook of the Railways must not be narrow and short-visioned. Instead of following the policy of higher rates and fares and no concessions, Railways should follow the policy of cheaper rates and fares and also reasonable amenities to attract both passenger and goods traffic. He also expressed himself as against the anti-deluvian and reactionary policy of company management of Railways.

Coming to the question of water transport Mr. Morarji said:

Indian shipping has no position whatsoever in the overseas trade of India and while the Government of India, in spite of their repeated assurances, have not taken a single step to assist Indian shipping in securing an entrance in the overseas trade of this country, it is amazing that the British shipowners like Lord Essendon and Mr. Shaw should demand that the trade negotiations between India and Japan should be used not for the benefit of Indian shipping but should be exploited for the benefit of the Empire shipping which really means British shipping in this case.

NEW PRESIDENT CONGRATULATED.

Mr. L. R. Tairsee, Mr. K. S. Ramachandra Iyer and several others congratulated Raja Bahadur Govindlal on his election to the presidentship.

Mr. Tairsee said that now that the elections had been fought out they should work in a spirit of harmony and co-operation. He also added that as long as India was under alien rule there could be only one policy for the Merchants' Chamber—a Nationalist policy. The interests of the country ought to be above the interests of persons and parties.

Mr. Ramachandra Iyer made a plea for encouragement to Indian Insurance Companies.

The report for the year 1936 was adopted.

With a vote of thanks to the chair the meeting terminated.

INDIAN SCREEN APPROXIMATED TO ENVIRONMENT

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Rani) tied to the tree finds herself the victim of friendly rebuffs or when "Radha" rescues "Kanhiya" with one unerring straight pull at the arrow. I know of few Indian pictures where music is so beautifully timed, so beautifully sung, as it was at the psychological moment particle of a second immediately after Devika Rani—"Radha"—shoots her lover's enemy Appya. The tense situation is so effectively broken by the masterly timing and manner of singing of the opening phrase of the song—"Kit Jaoge Kanhiya." If the timing of this song is so appropriate, the rendering of "Prem Dor Me" particularly, its passionately punctuated and alternately pitched refrain "Radhe-Shyam" would win the allegiance of every musically-minded cine-fan and whistler. Music is thus indispensably interwoven in the texture of the play. It is part of the play, not a burden, nor even a mere decorative adjunct. Such exploration of simple Indian melodies and simple songs for accentuating the dramatic structure of the screen-play constitute the artistic economy and dignity for which the Bombay Talkies is rapidly stabilizing its prestige. Fortunately, its instrumental music, like its songs, is similarly designed, neither crudely "background" nor loudly distracting "Izzat" reveals in the narration of the Bhil life, in the social naivete of the jungle-folk, in the careful selection of the opening incident as well as in the treatment of social repartee and music a film approximation to Indian environment which brings the Indian screen close to its own, shall one say, film vernacular.

Devika Rani, as "Radha" acts the part. She neither talks nor sings it out. And, as "Radha" costumed as a Bhil girl, she appears in the most captivating role, behaving as a simple child of the jungle soil would behave. Both in Devika Rani and in Ashok Kumar—playing "Kanahiya"—the martial tenor of the story of the Bhils seems to have stimulated new dynamic qualities. Ashok Kumar moves, contradicts, decides.

Plots and counter-plots add to the story. But its essentially Bhil composition is unspoilt, except towards the end, by banal or abrupt situations. The end appears hustled and rather unsatisfactory, if not obviously commonplace. The "Ashram" with the elegant inmates was a sentimental cliche that was superfluous—as it seemed to be super-imposed on the story. A noteworthy aspect of "Izzat" is the due subordination of the Villain—Balaji. He is not villainous only in vehemence. He maintains his self-respect.

"Izzat" is, decidedly, entertainment.

Difficult To Move Loan Cotton With Many Cross-Currents

TERMS HAD NO INFLUENCE ON VALUES

Trade Buying In Near Months

Bombay, Jan. 26.

On Monday operators on the New York cotton market were wholly engaged in trying to interest on loan differentials. The general impression was that the differentials will bring the price many points above prevailing sales quotations. Consequently it will be difficult to move loan cotton with many cross-currents to be considered. Terms hitherto had little influence on values.

The market opened barely steady and was inactive after an extended discussion on loan cotton statement. The market declined on lower Liverpool cables and overnight liquidation orders but thereafter rallied partially on trade buying near months.

So far we are without any details and it will be difficult to pronounce opinion on possible effect of the release of loan cotton. Cotton trade is keenly awaiting developments and speculative operations are at a low ebb.

At the opening March was quoted 3 points down at 12.44 and soon was quoted 12.43 which was the lowest level for the day. Later prices improved 5 points from the lowest level and March was quoted 12.48 which was the highest level for the day reached during the early part of the afternoon. Thereafter the market was featureless and finally closed at a rise of one point for near months but distants were 5 points down. Spot cotton prices advanced one point at 12.98c. per lb

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was quiet but steady and closed at a rise of 4 to 2 points. Spot cotton prices also gained 4 points at 13.04c. per lb.

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool futures market opened at a decline of 3 points with March 6.88. There was hedge selling and Bombay selling. Some pressure on nears was evident on reported settlement of U. S. Maritime strike. Later on there was Continental liquidation and hedging which met trade calling and investment buying of distant positions. The market closed at a net decline of 3 to 2 points. Middling American spot cotton prices declined 4 points at 7.12d. per lb.

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Egyptian cotton futures market was quiet on increased offerings. Sakels futures closed 7 to 5 points with spot cotton 5 points down at 10.20. Giza futures lost 10 to 8 points and Uppers closed 3 to 4 points down.

The Alexandria cotton futures market was also easy with increased offerings. Sakels futures declined 19 to 12 points and Ashmouni futures registered a drop of 10 to 20 points.

PRIVATE CABLES

N Y March highest 12.48+01 (12.28 p.m.). Lowest 12.43—04 (10.31 a.m.). Liverpool March highest 6.89—02. Lowest 6.87—04.

Messrs Devkaran Nanjee have received to-day the following cable advices from their foreign friends:

NEW YORK

"Loan cotton terms not favourable to large sales. Trade buying March. Hedge selling in October. Trading narrow"

"Exports continue to be slow. Hedges transferred from near positions into the distant months. Except new crop discounts to widen".

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their Foreign Friends:—

Liverpool.—Market quiet and steady. Small Bombay selling. Featureless market. Bearish temporary. Bullish for long shot.

Liverpool.—Rather less demand. "Bulls" disposed to realise. Liquidation is apparently not yet over. Market needs fresh stimulus.

New York.—Fair domestic and foreign trade buying. Selling principally South and New Orleans.

New York.—Our opinion is that market or basis has to advance in order to sell large quantity of loan cotton. Prospect of business of German barter in the near future. Recommend buying May on declines.

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, Jan. 25.

March	12.48+01
May	12.31+01
July	12.19+01
October	11.73—05
December	11.73—05
January	11.73—03
Middling Spot	12.98+01

NEW ORLEANS COTTON.

New York, Jan. 25.

March	12.44+04
May	12.31+04
July	12.16+02
Middling Spot	13.04+04
11-00 a.m. Ranges.—	
March	12.43/12.43
May	12.28/12.28
July	12.14/12.14
Noon Call.—	
March	12.44
May	12.30
July	12.17

NEW YORK COTTON DAILY STATISTICS.

New York, Jan. 25.

	bales.
Day's Receipts at all U.S. Ports	14,000
Day's Exports to Great Britain	16,000
Day's Exports to the Continent	13,000
Day's Exports to China and Japan	nil

LIVERPOOL COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 25.

January	6.91—03
February	6.89—03
March	6.88—03
April	6.86—03
May	6.85—03
June	6.81—03
July	6.78—03
August	6.63—02
September	6.54—02
October	6.48—02
November	6.43—02
December	6.43—02
January	6.42—02
Middling Spot	7.12—04
10-12 a.m quotations.—	
March	6.87
May	6.85

EGYPTIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 25.

F.G.F. SAKELLARIDIS.—	
January	9.73
March	9.88
May	10.09
July	9.90
August	9.90
September	9.80
F.G.F. Spot	12.20

INDIAN COTTON.

Liverpool, Jan. 25.

BROACH.—	
Fully Good (Good Staple)	5.71
Fine (Good Staple)	5.86
Superfine (Good Staple)	6.01
OOMRA.—	
Fine (No 1 staple)	5.68
Superfine (No 1 staple)	5.83
Choice (No 1 staple)	5.98
BENGAL—	
Good	4.57
Fully Good	4.67
Fine	4.79

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE.

London, Jan. 25

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£73
Indian Stock 3 per cent 1948	£82
Indian Stock 3 1/2 per cent 1931 or later	£96 1/4
Indian Stock 4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	£114
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	£82 7/8
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1961	£105 5/8
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent 1952	£104 1/2
Funding Loan 4 per cent 1960/90	£114 7/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	£113 5/8
Chartered Bank of India Australia and China	£16 1/4
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank London Reg.	£115
National Bank of India	£47 1/2
P and O Banking Corporation	£10 1/4

LONDON SEEDS

London, Jan. 25.

Linseed La Plata Hull C.I.F. January sellers	£11/15/0
Linseed Calcutta London C. I. F. Jan-Feb. sellers	£14/3/9
Linseed Bombay London C. I. F. Jan-Feb. sellers	£14/10/0
Rapeseed Todia Hull/Cont C. I. F. Jan-Feb. sellers	£14/0/0
Castorseed Bombay, Hull C. I. F. Jan-Feb. sellers	£14/10/0

LONDON PRODUCE

London, Jan. 25

Wheat Rozario Santa Fe Jan-Feb sellers	38/9
Wheat Barletta Russo Jan-Feb sellers	39/1 1/2
Wheat South Australian Jan. sellers	43/6

LINSEED OIL

London, Jan. 25.

Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. Feb paid	26/6
Linseed Oil naked London per cwt. May/Aug sellers	26/6

NEW YORK COFFEE

New York, Jan. 25.

Fair Rio Coffee (No 7 quality)	8 7/8

LONDON DISCOUNT RATES.

London, Jan. 25.

Bank bills 3 months market rate 9/16 to 9/16 per cent.

Bank bills 6 months market rate 5/8 per cent to 11/16 p.c

Fine trade bills 3 months market rate 2 per cent to 2 1/2 per cent.

Fine trade bills 6 months market rate 2 1/2 per cent to 3 per cent.

Interest day to day loan 3/8 per cent to 1/2 per cent.

Interest 7 days market loan 1/2 per cent.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

London, Jan. 25.

T. T. London on:—	
New York (Closing rate)	4.90 9/16
Paris	105.13
Berlin	12.20
Madrid nom.	70.00
Amsterdam	8.95 1/2
Brussels	29.11 3/4
Milan	93.15
Berne	21.46 1/2
Prague	140.56

American Cotton Figures

F P Bales	1936-37	1935-36
Receipts to date 25-1-37	5468000	5926000
Receipts yesterday 25-1-37	14000	24000
Exports to date 25-1-37	3458000	4068000
Stock at Ports 22-1-37	2800000	2615000
Stock at Interior Towns 22-1-37	2087000	2285000
Stock at Liverpool 22-1-37	916000	727000
Visible Supply 22-1-37	6214000	6690000
Quantity in sight 22-1-37	10307000	10037000
Quantity out of sight 22-1-37	4093000	6453000

GOLD AND SILVER

Bombay, Jan. 26.

Yesterday London gold prices declined half a penny to £7-1-9 1/2. London-Paris Exchange rate was unchanged at 105.13. Dollar-sterling cross rate was quoted 4.91 1/32. London silver prices were reduced 1/16d to 20 7/16d for spot and 20 5/16d for forward. India bought offerings were small but later on the market was idle. New York spot silver prices were unchanged at 44 3/4 cents and Montreal futures closed 15 points down to 5 points up. Shanghai T. T. on London was quoted 1/2 19/32. The local market was quiet with scattered selling in gold and silver and quotations were as under:—

GOLD.—

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready	35	0	9
Posh	35	0	9
Magh	35	0	6
SILVER—			
Ready	50	6	6
Posh	50	7	0
Magh	50	3	0

LONDON SILVER

London, Jan. 25

Spot	20 7/16
Forward	20 5/16

LONDON GOLD.

London, Jan. 25.

Gold bars fine per ounce	£7/1/9 1/2

New York Silver

New York, Jan. 25.

Spot silver prices remained unchanged at 44 3/4 cents.

Montreal Silver

Montreal, Jan. 25.

January	44.70—15
March	45.00
May	45.00+05

Osaka Sampin Quotations

Osaka, Jan. 26.

March	255.90—160
April	252.00—250
May	249.60—190
July	249.90—210

Osaka Cotton

Osaka, Jan. 26.

March	75.00—40
April	75.50

Alexandria Cotton

Alexandria, Jan. 25.

SAKELS.—	
January	18.17—18
March	17.98—19
May	17.80—12
ASHMOUNI—	
February	13.91—11
April	13.85—10
June	13.78—17

Cotton Arrivals

Receipts into Bombay on 23rd January. 18,030. Receipts into Bombay to date since 1-9-1936, 1,229,661. Receipts into Bombay same time last season 880,110. Increase 349,551.

Cotton Straddles

APPROXIMATE DIFFERENCES.

New York—Liverpool:—

March 161 May 169 at Cross Rate 4.91 1/32.

Bombay—Liverpool:—

Broach A/M. 1937 225—Liverpool May 6.86 Rs. 73 3/4 at Exchange 1/6.

Bombay—New York:—

Broach A/M. 1937 225—New York May 12.34 Rs. 54 1/2 at Cross Rate 4.91 1/32.

High And Low Cotton Prices

Broach A/M. 1937 Op. 224 1/4; Highest 225 3/4; Lowest 223 3/4; Closing 224 1/4.

Broach July/Aug. Op. 227 1/4; Highest 227 3/4; Lowest 226 3/4; Closing 226 3/4.

Oomra March Op. 204 1/2; Highest 205; Lowest 203 3/4; Closing 203 3/4.

Oomra May Op. 204 1/2; Highest 205 1/4; Lowest 204; Closing 204.

Bengal March Op. 175 1/2; Highest 175 3/4; Lowest 175 1/2; Closing 175 1/2

Bengal May Op. 175; Highest 175 1/2; Lowest 175; Closing 175.

T/Mandi for Broach A/M. Settlement (21-2-37) Rs. 5 1/2.

T/Mandi for Broach A/May (31-3-37) Rs. 9 1/4.

T/Mandi for Broach July/A. (30-6-37) Rs 17

Indian Cotton Figures

Bombay, Jan 26

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

Since 1st Sept.

In full-pressed bales	2 days.	This year.
Khandesh	2,662	150,587
Central India	1,664	181,550
Barsi and Nagar	2,596	98,625
Hyderabad Gaorani	524	41,273
Berar	5,851	337,294
Central Provinces	1,335	75,044
Total Oomras	14,632	883,873
Dholera	51	14,049
N W Provinces	...	4,414
Rajputana	421	29,978
Sind-Punjab	1,820	176,468
Broach	...	2,981
Coompta and Dharwar	202	10,502
Westerns Northerns	101	11,910
Cocoanada	...	124
Tinnevelly and Cambodia	...	2,543
Persian	...	10
American	...	3,144
Egyptian and African	5	106,872
Comilla, Burma and other sorts	...	5
Total	17,232	1,246,893

Cotton Room Rates

Bombay, Jan 26

	Extra	Sprfine	Sup	Fine	FG	Good
M G—						
Bengal U P	...	184	181	178	175	
Punjab	...	184	181	178	175	
Oomra No. 3	213	210	207	304	...	
C P No. 1	228	225	222	219	...	
C P No. 2	219	216	212	210	...	
Khandesh	208	205	202	199	...	

LONDON RUBBER.

London, Jan. 25.

Smoked Sheet Standard Rubber per lb. sellers	10 3/8

LONDON RUBBER ERRATIC

We have received the following weekly report from Messrs. Symington and Wilson dated London Jan. 6th:—

Since our last Report issued fourteen days ago movements in the Rubber Market have been extremely erratic At the short morning session on Christmas Eve prices advanced about 3/16d to 1/4d. per lb. On the reopening of the Market on Monday with an active and steadily advancing Market business was done on the Spot up to 11 1/8d. On Tuesday the tone turned quieter and from that point, with occasional fluctuations, the Market declined, closing on Thursday 31st December for the New Year holiday, with buyers at only 10 3/16d. of Standard Sheet on the Spot. The opening on Monday, 4th January, was weak and business was done for the current month's delivery down to 9 7/16d. The Market steadied up in the course of the day and closed with buyers of Spot at 9 11/16d A further improvement took place yesterday with business on the Spot as high as 10 3/16d. To-day the market is firm and active and prices show a further substantial recovery. At the time of writing there are buyers of Standard Sheet on the Spot at 10 1/2d. per lb and on the week prices show an advance of 1/2d per lb. for Spot and 7/16d. to 9/16d. per lb for the forward positions.

TRADE DEMAND

The advance on Monday, 28th December, was caused by a heavy trade demand coming on a Market badly supplied with offers. Immediately after the Christmas holiday, many potential sellers, producers and others, had not returned to business and it was not till Tuesday when news of the sudden advance got round that the higher prices brought out any volume of offers. The Market was already declining on Tuesday and Wednesday when news came through from New York that the Commodity Exchange there had rather more than doubled its margin requirements for trading in Rubber futures. This together with news of labour trouble in the motor trade in the U.S.A. brought about heavy liquidation on the New York Market which was reflected here. The close before the New Year holiday was barely steady though slightly above the lowest level of the day.

On Monday of this week the Market was affected by two distinct factors, the first being serious news regarding the labour outlook in the U.S.A., particularly in the motor trade. The question is not one of hours or wages but is one of principle, namely of the acceptance by the employers of one large organised Union to represent the entire industry all over the U.S.A. and the employment of Union labour only. As both parties seem particularly determined it is felt that unless the Government is able to intervene successfully the struggle may be a protracted one.

The second factor was the announcement made with considerable display in "The Financial Times and more briefly in The Daily Telegraph" on Monday that the British members of the Regulation Committee had authorised the issue forthwith of six months' export licences instead of only three months at a time as has been customary. It was explained that the idea of this was to bring shipments forward more quickly and thus relieve the existing scarcity of near Rubber. The matter was summarised in a Reuter message issued at 10-59 a.m. on Monday reading as follows:

EXPORT LICENSES.

"Reuter is officially enabled to confirm the reports appearing in this morning's press that British Dependencies have been advised by cable by the British Members of the I.R.R.C. that they are empowered to issue Rubber export licenses for the next six months, instead of from one to three months as at present, with a view to eliminating the existing shortage of near Rubber."

Considerable doubt was expressed on the Market here as to whether, owing to scarcity of labour, "wintering" and shortage of freight space this move would in fact bring forward any substantially increased supply. This view would seem to be confirmed by a Reuter message received yesterday morning from Singapore reading as follows:—

"It is generally thought here that the decision to allow British Dependencies to issue Rubber export licenses for six months instead of one to three months, as has been the case hitherto, will have little effect on the quantity of Rubber becoming available largely owing to the labour situation."

Malayan Shipments. The Malayan Information Agency have published figures of shipments of Rubber from Malaya for the month of December. Gross shipments amounted to 38,749 tons (November 47,342 tons) while total imports amounted to 9,758 tons (16,923 tons), leaving 28,991 tons (30,419 tons) as the nett shipments of Malayan produce. Shipments of Malayan produce for the year amount to 352,392 tons which compares with a figure of 415,614 tons for 1935

Of the gross shipments 2,683 tons (2,144 tons) come to the United Kingdom, 21,405 tons (31,083 tons) go to the U.S.A., 5,602 tons (5,199 tons) to the Continent of Europe, 6,629 tons (5,962 tons) to Japan, 1,336 tons (2,135 tons) to British Possessions and 1,094 tons (819 tons) to other destinations. Shipments to the United Kingdom while rather higher than those for November are still on the low side, while shipments to Japan constitute a record except for one previous occasion, January 1933, when 7,207 tons went to Japan.

Ceylon Shipments.—Shipments from Ceylon for the month of December are cabled as 4,377 tons (November 5,008 tons) Own Rubber and 361 tons (282 tons) Imported Rubber, giving a total of 4,738 tons (5,290 tons). Shipments of Ceylon's own produce for the year 1936 amounted to 49,833 tons against a permissible exportable amount of 50,000 tons

Exports From Bombay

1st Sept to 21st Jan

In full-pressed bales	Yesterday.	This year
Europe	6,507	139,349
Japan and China	7,450	575,078
Coast Ports	...	7,623
Up-country by Rail	...	97,377
Afloat in harbour for Europe, China and Japan	...	39,586
Total	13,957	859,013

MONEY AND EXCHANGES

Bombay, Jan. 26

B C RATES—	
T T D D	1/6 1/10
LONDON—	
Banks selling T T D D—	1/6 3/32
Banks buying T T	1/6 5/32
Banks buying D D	1/6 3/16
Banks buying 3 mos	1/6 7/32
NEW YORK—	
B C Rate T T	272 3/4
Banks selling T T	270 3/4
Banks buying T T	268 1/2
PARIS—	
Banks selling T T	788
Banks buying T T	803
JAPAN—	
Banks selling T T from March 1/8 lower)	77 1/2
Banks buying T T (from Mar. 1/8 lower)	76 5/8
AMSTERDAM—	
Banks selling D D	67 1/4
JAVA—	
Banks selling D D	66 7/8
HONGKONG—	
Banks selling D D	84
SHANGHAI—	
Banks selling D D	81 3/8
SINGAPORE—	
Banks selling D D	156 1/4
BERLIN—	
Banks selling D D	81
CROSS RATE—	
New York London 25th instant	4.90 3/4
Japan London 26th instant	1/2
Java London 26th instant	8.91 1/4
Hongkong London 26th instant	1/3 1/32
Shanghai London 26th instant	1/2 19/32
London Paris 25th instant	105.13
London Belgium 25th instant	29.11 3/4
London Switzerland 25th instant	21.46 1/2
London Berlin 25th instant	12.20
London Stockholm 25th instant	19.39 1/2
London New York 25th instant	4.90 9/16
London Amsterdam 25th instant	8.95 3/4
London Italy 25th instant	93.15
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Quiet.	
Gold 23rd instant	£7-1-10
25th instant	£7-1-9 1/2
Silver London Ready 23rd instant	20 3/8
25th instant	20 7/16
Silver London Forward 23rd instant	20 1/4
25th instant	20 5/16
Silver New York Ready 23rd instant	45
25th instant	45
London Discounts 3 Mos 23rd instant	9/16 p.c.
25th instant	9/16 p.c.
London Discounts 6 Mos 23rd instant	11/16 p.c.
25th instant	11/16 p.c.
Reserve Bank Rate	3 p.c.
Bank of England Rate	2 p.c.
Money:—	
Call	1 p.c.
3 Months	1 1/4 p.c.
6 Months	1 1/4 p.c.
Tone: Steady.	

Indian Sterling Loans

London, Jan. 25.

Call Loan London	1/2
3 per cent	82
3 1/2 per cent	96 1/4
3 1/2 per cent 1954/59	104 3/4
4 per cent 1948/53	108 1/2
4 1/2 per cent 1950/55	114
4 1/2 per cent 1958/68	118
5 per cent 1942/47	113
3 per cent 1949/52	99 1/2
2 1/2 per cent British Consols	82 7/8
3 1/2 per cent Conversion	105 5/8
3 1/2 per cent War Loan	104 1/2

LONDON CLOSING EXCHANGES

LONDON, Jan. 26.

London on New York closing cross rate 4.90-9|16.

London on Paris closing 105.13.—Reuter.

Bombay Sugar

Bombay, Jan 26

	Rs.	a.	p.
Ready Javas	13	4	0
Shipment January March	4	4	0
Shipment July September	4	3	6
Kesar	11	11	0
Saraya	11	4	0
Java Spot	F.	5.30	

New York Sugar

New York, Jan 25

March	2.87+3
May	2.85+1
July	2.82 unchanged
September	2.82 unchanged

Produce Receipts

Bombay, Jan 26

Wheat	2,592 cwts.
Linseed	143 cwts.
Rape, Rai and Mustard seeds	839 cwts.
Gingellyseed	6,692 cwts.
Poppyseed	66 cwts.
Groundnuts	23,128 cwts.
Castorseed	198 cwts.
Rice	12,377 cwts
Myrabollams	2,487 cwts.
Cottonseed	20,345 cwts.
Gram	3,315 cwts.
Joowar	2,688 cwts.
Barley	18 cwts.
Bajree	4,052 cwts
Indian sugar	3,852 cwts.
Coal	347 tons.

Ready Cotton Quotations

Bombay, Jan 26

Bengal Superfine	179/81
Bengal Fine	176/78
C P 1	219/21
C P 2	212/13
Arvi	212/13
Ellichpur	212/13
Berar	209/10
Khamgaon	210/12
Mulkapur	207/09
Khandesh	205/07
Jalna/Sailu	207/08
Burwah Sanavad	210/—
Broach Fine	223/25
Punjab /American	225/30
Sind T	240/70
Punjab 289 F	230/85

City Markets Observe "Independence Day"

BROKERS REFUSE TO WORK

Dfds. And Ordinary Ki Jai

BOMBAY, Jan. 26.

All City markets were scheduled to remain open to-day for normal trading but brokers refused to work as they were in a mood to observe "Independence Day".

Exactly at 12 noon, the Electric Bell was on with its usual call to Brokers on the Stock Exchange and a large number of their assembled in the trading ring but they refused to do any business. Instead of doing any business, they shouted national slogans, "Mahatma Gandhi Ki Jai" and added "Tata Steel Dfds. Ordinary Ki Jai" and dispersed from the trading ring and no business was done in shares.

The Government securities section also empty and there was no business.

City cotton Brokers in the Marwari Bazar also refused to do any business.

The Seeds Traders Association and Grain Merchants' Association and many other Associations at Dana Bunder also did not do any business.

Thus leading city markets observed voluntary holiday and expressed their feeling to the Congress by observing "Independence Day" and suspended trading.

LONDON SHARE QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Jan 26

Messrs. Lewis and Jones, Bombay, have received the following quotations by cable from their London Agents:

Names.	Latest prices. £
London Nigerian Tin Co Ltd. Ordinary	0 10 6
Guest, Keen and Nettlefold Limited	1 15 6
Turner and Newall	5 9 0
Associated Electric Industries	2 13 0
Attock Oil	1 0 3
Associated Portland Cement	5 7 0
Automatic Telephone and Electric Ordinary	2 8 6
American Rolling Mills Co	dol. 35.00
Beira Railways	1 10 0
United Br Oilfields of Trinidad	0 15 7½
Marconi International Marine	2 0 9
Western Union Telegraph	dol. 84.00
General Electric Ordinary	4 11 3
Fairey Aviation Co Ltd.	1 1 3
Perak Hydro Electric Ordinary	1 13 3
International Rlys of C America	dol. 8.00
Malayalam Plantations	1 19 3
British Burma Petroleum	0 9 6
Soudan Plantation Syndicate	2 7 0
British South Africa (Chartered)	1 18 6
Pahang Consolidated Ord	1 7 6
Indian Copper Corporation Ordinary	0 5 10½
Brazilian Traction Light and Power	dol. 22.50
American Radiator	dol. 27.50
Timken Roller Bearing Co	dol. 72.00
American Can Company	dol. 114.75
General Foods Corporation	dol. 43.50
Capital Securities Trust units	2 3 1½
British Treasury Bills (3 months)	0 10 3.61 p.c. p.a.

SHORTAGE OF GERMAN SUPPLIES

Bombay, Jan 26

Messrs. M and B Stern states:

Linseed and Wheat were quiet but steady. It was reported from Karachi that further cargoes have been sold to U. K. Despite heavy Argentine pressure, Liverpool and Chicago recovered on apprehensions that there may be some acreage abandonment due to flood conditions in U. S. A. and also, the estimated shortage of German supplies amounting to 37 million bushels.

The Comtelburo under date 25th January summarise the position:

"The future prices of wheat must depend very largely upon the European demand for overseas supplies, though the reduction in the Continental yield has already been fairly well discounted by the recent rise in prices but there should be a further rise when the U. K. demand again becomes active though in a short time the developments of the American winter crop and the prospects for spring wheat sowing will be important factors."

Copper was easier and closed at £51-7-6 owing to continuation of the Auto strike in U. S. A.

Rubber recovered in anticipation of a favourable decision by the Committee to-day and closed at 10 3/16d. for October December.

WALL STREET MARKET

New York, Jan. 25.

Messrs. Batlivala and Karani have issued the following report showing quotations of the New York Stock Exchange:—

	Dol.
Amr. Water Works Com.	27
Amer. Power and Light Com.	14
Amer. Forn Power Com.	12
Amer Forn Power Pfd. 7 p.c	65
Electric Power and Light	22
Electric Bond Common	25
Electric Bond 5 dol Pfd.	76
Consolidated (Gas) Edison	47
United Corpn.	7
American Tel. and Tel.	184
Western Union Telg.	81
Erie Rly.	15
New York Central Rly.	41 7/8
Northern Pacific Rly.	28
Amr. Tob. B.	99
Bethelehem Steel	78
United States Steel	87
Amr. Car Foundry	63
Anaconda Copper Mining	53 1/4
Int. Nickel of Canada	63 1/2
General Motors	66 1/4
General Electric	62
Kelvinator	22
American Radiator	28
Consolidated Oil	17 1/4
Skelley Oil	46
Chase Bank	56
National City Bank	52
Sun Life of Canada	975
Celenese	29

Slightly irregular market. Buildings stocks firm. Floods brought reconstruction orders. Steels and Oils steady.

Wheat Chicago

Chicago, Jan 25

May	dol. 1.28 1/2
July	dol. 1.13 1/4
September	1.09-5/8

SHIPPING NEWS

ARRIVALS

F. F. Campbell and Coy's s.s. City of Ripon of 4020 reg. tons Capt. J. L. Silree arrived on 25th instant from Montreal via Port Said and Karachi with general cargo.

Lloyd Triestino Coy's s.s. Monte Piana of 3715 reg. tons Capt. C. Martinoli arrived on 25th instant from Genoa via Laghorn, Naples, Catania, Port Said, Suez, Massawa, and Djibouti with general cargo.

B.I.S.N. Coy's s.s. Gharinda 3212 reg. tons Capt. J. Drummond arrived from Rangoon via Colombo, Tuticorin, Trivandrum and Cochin with rice, timber and general cargo.

Lionel Edward's s.s. Reichenfels of 4759 reg. tons Capt. P. Hinrichs arrived from Hamburg via Bremen, Antwerp, Port Said, and Suez with passengers and general cargo.

DEPARTURES

B.I.S.N. Coy's s.s. Surada of 3382 reg. tons Capt. G. A. Patterson sailed for Rangoon via Marmagoa and Colombo with passengers and local cargo.

Wheat Liverpool

Liverpool, Jan 25

March	99 1/2d.
May	101d.
July	101 3/4d.

Scattered Showers In Kashmir

POONA: January 25.

The Western disturbance has caused scattered showers of rain or snow in Kashmir. Night temperatures are appreciably below normal in East Central India and Chota Nagpur.

FORECAST: Scattered dust or thunder storms are likely in Baluchistan, Sind and United Provinces.

Scattered falls of rain or snow may also occur in Kashmir.—A. P.

COLABA OBSERVATORY, BOMBAY.

Summary of Meteorological Observations during 24 hours ending 8 a.m. of 26-1-1937.

Change of 8 a.m. barometer in past 24 hours plus .005 inches

Temperature (dry bulb) at 8 a.m. 68.5 degrees

Temperature (wet bulb) at 8 a.m. 65.0 degrees

Maximum temperature during 24 hrs 80.1 degrees 2.5 (below normal)

Minimum temperature during 24 hrs 64.5 degrees 1.9 (below normal)

Relative humidity at 8 a.m. 82 per cent

Direction of wind at 8 a.m. NNE

Velocity of wind at 8 a.m. 3 miles per hour

Total movement of wind in 24 hours 111 miles

Velocity of maximum gust of wind during 24 hours 19 miles per hour

Extent of cloud at 8 a.m. (the whole sky cloudy eq. 10) 0

OFFICIAL BAROMETER READING DATED 26-1-37

At 8-7 a.m. local time (8-46 a.m. Indian Standard Time) and temperature 74.1 deg. F., a mercury barometer without index error at mean sea level would actually read 30.13 inches and a compensated aneroid 29.95 inches

For correction of ships' instruments please subtract from the above official barometer reading 0.001" for every foot of elevation of the instrument above mean sea level.

EARTHQUAKE REPORT

An earthquake shock of moderate intensity at its origin about 6950 miles away was recorded by the seismographs at the Colaba Observatory at 12h. 17 mts (I.S.T.) on Monday the 25th January, 1937.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

We have received the following: A wall calendar from RKO Radio Pictures; and three paper-weights from Rogers and Co., Mineral Water Manufacturers.

A. I. S. A. KHADI BHANDAR

The A. I. S. A. Khadi Bhandar, Kalbadevi Road, Bombay, will remain close for sales on Friday the 29th instant, being stock-taking day.

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BOMBAY: WEDNESDAY JANUARY 27 1937

"Evasion Of Tax Common"

Measures To Tighten Up Administration

INCOME TAX COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDATIONS

All-India Tribunal To Hear Assessment Appeals

NEW DELHI, January 26.

Important recommendations are made in the report published to-day of the investigation ordered in October 1935, of the Indian Incometax system. The investigation was made by three officers, Khan Bahadur J. B. Vachha, Commissioner of Incometax, Bombay, and Messrs. C. W. Ayers and S. P. Chambers of Inland Revenue Department, London.

Scope Of Inquiry

The investigators had to report upon the system in all its aspects, the incidence of tax and efficiency of its administration. They made an extensive tour throughout British India and received written representation from numerous public bodies. The report covers a wide field and makes numerous recommendations on a number of questions.

New Post Created

It is recommended that a post of Chief Commissioner of Incometax should be created for co-ordination of the administration of Incometax throughout British India.

Tribunal To Replace High Court

Dealing with appeals it is proposed that all assessments should be subject to appeal, that the Assistant Commissioners with appellate jurisdiction should be relieved of all administrative duties and that for second appeals an All-India Tribunal consisting of six persons with jurisdiction to replace that of the High Courts should be set up.

BASIS OF TAXATION

Dealing with the scope of tax, it is recommended that the b s. of taxation should be altered to render liable to tax the foreign income of a resident even if it is not remitted to British India. This proposal was before the Legislature some years ago, but was at that time rejected. It is indicated that a clarification is needed of the Law relating to the assessment of income of non-residents arising from trade in British India or from other British Indian sources.

Dealing with agricultural income, the Report recognises that it must remain free from Indian income tax, but it is proposed that it should be taken into account in determining the rate of tax applicable to other income.

Notice is taken of the widespread protests made against the exemption of pensions and leave salaries of gazetted officers and others paid out of India, to persons residing out of India. It is recognised that as far as pensions are concerned, section 272 of the Government of India Act, 1935, leaves little scope for action. But the Report recommends that the exemption allowed in respect of leave salaries should be withdrawn.

"SLAB" SYSTEM PREFERRED

In the chapter dealing with "Charge of Income Tax and Super Tax", the Report recommends the complete adoption of the "slab" system (at present applied to super tax only) instead of the "step" system, which is now applied to income tax.

The defect of the present system is that it provides for taxation of the whole income at a specified rate when it exceeds a certain limit. The "slab" system, under which the lower slabs of income are free or taxed at less than the standard rate, however large the income, has the advantage of providing effective rates of taxation that steadily increase without sudden jumps as the total income increases. Although there is a provision for a tax-free slab, a provision which exists in British Law, the Report does not recommend that allowances should be made comparable to those in the United Kingdom, for example, for wives or children or on account of earned income. Certain changes are proposed in connection with relief granted from taxation of amounts spent on insurance premia and provident fund contributions in order to keep these concessions within the limits in-

All Too

tended, and also to remove various anomalies.

COMPANY'S SUPER-TAX

With regard to Company's super-tax, the Report points out that since this is to become a corporation tax the terms of the Government of India Act will prevent its being treated, as with income tax paid by Company, as paid on behalf of shareholders, a demand which was widely put forward.

Another demand which was also strongly pressed was that when dividends were received by a company from any company that had itself paid super-tax, that income should not be subject to super-tax again, a concession at present granted only when the holding company is a genuine investment trust. The Report does not recommend any further concession in this direction. Regarding the existing exemption limit of Rs. 50,000, the Report endorses the remarks of the Taxation Enquiry Committee of 1924-25 that this should be abolished.

WIFE'S INCOME

An interesting recommendation is made regarding wife's income, it being proposed that the income of a wife should be deemed the income of her husband, except where it is derived from her personal exertions and is unconnected with any business of her husband when the first 500 rupees of the wife's income should be free of taxation. In the same section, the tendency to avoid taxation by the admission of minor children to partnership is taken up and certain recommendations are made.

Proceeding to the general question of partnership, a number of recommendations are made, for example, that the form of return for a partnership should declare its constitution and the basis on which profits have been divided, and that with the registration of a firm the deed should be made clear to the public.

HINDU UNDIVIDED FAMILIES

Coming to the question of Hindu Undivided Families, it is recognised that hardship exists, on the other hand, the fact that no death duties are payable is brought out. It is concluded that there is some case for the recognition of the special position of Hindu Undivided Families, and it is remarked that if Government is prepared to accept the reduction in the yield of tax involved, a practicable concession, and one which in the opinion of the writers should not be exceeded, would be to ascertain the rate of tax applicable, in cases where there are more than one adult married male member, by dividing the family's income by two, the rate so ascertained to be applied to the total income. Against this, members of such families would have to surrender their present privilege of having certain classes of individual income excluded from the calculation of the family income; and there would be no longer any reason to maintain a special scale of super-tax rates for these families.

A number of observations and suggestions are made concerning the computation of income in the case of salaries, property, business, professions, vocations, and certain amendments are suggested affecting allowances in respect of the depreciation of buildings, machinery, plant and other assets. The "written-down" value basis is preferred.

CARRY FORWARD OF BUSINESS LOSSES

In the course of their enquiry a number of representations concerning the basis of assessment of life assurance companies were received and are discussed, and certain adjustments are proposed.

Discussing the allowance in respect of "Carry Forward of Business Losses", it is observed that this was promised some years ago as soon as the finances of the country would permit. As the time when this promise might be implemented is for the Government to decide, the Report confines itself to the manner in which it should be introduced and its extent and other technical matters For example, the comment is made that if, as the Report suggests, depreciation is treated as a business expense and not made the subject of special arrangements for carry-forward, this change is so bound up with the proposal relating to the carry forward of losses that their introduction must be simultaneous.

DOUBLE TAXATION RELIEF

An important chapter deals with "Double Taxation Relief" Here it is remarked that it seems clear that the intention of the Legislature is to give relief to all persons who have suffered double taxation whether directly or indirectly, and certain recommendations are made.

Another important chapter is that dealing with "Legal Avoidance". The various practices are listed and are dealt with in rotation, different solutions being recommended to meet the different forms of tax evasion. Such practices as the drawing of remuneration as expenses, the taking of usufructuary mortgages in respect of money lending transactions, settlements and dispositions, the charge of Indian profits with interest payable to a non-resident allied concern, non-distribution as income of a Company's profits and the transfer of assets abroad are dealt with.

ADMINISTRATION.

Coming to Part two, which deals with administration, the Report first takes up representations that were made criticising out-door survey work of inspectors. It is recommended that in order to improve the general quality of the work of inspectors there should be adequate control and supervision by Income Tax Officers, but that they should also be given additional powers.

The Report remarks upon the insufficiency of the power at present vested in the officers of the Revenue Department to deal with a dishonest tax payer. It is stated that the opinion has been formed that the degree of under-assessment existing is of serious dimensions. Accordingly, it is recommended that penalties should be provided for deliberate failure to make returns, in addition to those for the making of incorrect returns, and that the maximum penalty exigible should be increased to twice the tax avoided. The question of penalties generally is gone into.

DETERMINATION OF INCOME.

A number of other important observations are made on the question of the determination of income. It is suggested that the practice of examining audited balance sheets, etc., should be extended. It is remarked that if no records are kept by the tax payer, the Income Tax Officer has no alternative but to estimate the income, and if the estimate seems to be incorrect, the blame must rest with the tax payer.

Outstanding recommendations are made relating to the question of appeals.

A number of interesting observations are made at the end of the Report on the control and supervision of the collection of income tax. It is remarked that the present system does not appear to give the Central Board of Revenue the power of control necessary to secure proper and uniform administration of the Income Tax Act throughout British India, and amendments are suggested to provide such power.

A CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

A recommendation is made that there should be appointed a Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, who would serve as a Technical Advisor to the Central Board of Revenue and who would supervise and coordinate the administration of income tax throughout British India. This proposed Chief Commissioner would have a number of duties which are outlined in the Report.

Congress Offices Raided

G. K. U. Handbills Removed

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHOLAPUR CITY, Jan. 26.

Yesterday evening handbills, issued by Lal Bawta Girni Kamgar Union, were removed by the police in Vardhaman Press to-day.

This morning the District Congress Committee the City Congress Committee, and the G. K. Union offices were searched by the police between seven to nine.

Forty-eight copies of the Independence Day Pledge were found in the District Congress Committee Office and were removed.

The Flag Salutation Ceremony was held at Mr. Baliwe's at eight this morning under Sheth Jaju's presidentship.

Sholapur is observing the Independence Day enthusiastically.

Hearing Of Biyani's Revision Application

AKOLA, Jan. 25.

Mr. Sahasrabudhye, District and Sessions Judge, Akola, heard today the revision application filed by the Hon. Mr. Biyani against his internment order passed by the Lower Court, while granting him bail in the sedition case.

After hearing both sides, the Judge reserved orders until to-

The Military Leaders' Conference at Tokio marked its disapproval of Gen. Ugaiki's premiership by deciding that no general w accept the portfolio of war.

MERCHANTS CHAMBER, A NATIONAL INSTITUTION

Govindlal Shivlal Explains Why He Fought Against A. D. Shroff

REPLY TO BORI BUNDER INSINUATIONS

Now that the elections had been fought and won, the Indian Merchants' Chamber would continue to function as a united body was the general opinion expressed at the Annual General Meeting of the Chamber held on Tuesday evening.

The "Times of India" was severely criticised for a statement made in its leading article which appeared on January 25.

Referring to the issue over which the recent presidential elections to the Chamber was fought, the "Times" had stated "It must seriously detract from the weight to be attached to any future pronouncements on economic affairs by the Indian Merchants' Chamber". Mr. Sarabhai Pratapraj giving expression to the indignation of the Chamber at such criticisms claimed that there was no more representative body of Indian businessmen than the Chamber.

SURVEY OF EVENTS.

Sir Rahimtoola, the retiring president said. The last year was not a particularly happy one for the world at large, and if the world at large is not happy the commercial community also cannot be happy.

The Imperialistic ambitions of Fascist Italy which led to the campaign against Abyssinia in the previous year, resulted in 1936 in the subjugation of that ancient kingdom, under the very nose of the League of Nations. Might once again prevailed over Right; the Big Powers merely looked on and the futility of the League was demonstrated to the world! As if all this was not sufficient, Spain has been made a battle ground between two opposing forces, and the atrocities and cruelties being perpetrated there in the name of one principle or the other are beyond description. We can but sympathise with the Spanish people in their dire distress.

The British Empire has also suffered a severe shock in the abdication of King Edward VIII, whose remarkable abilities and well-known sympathies gave an assurance of a successful regime.

INDIAN COMPANIES' ACT.

Coming nearer home the legislative Session of the Assembly was marked by the passing of the amended Indian Companies' Act, a by no means mean achievement, which will have salutary repercussions on the development of Joint Stock Companies

The devaluation of the 'Franc' (French) followed by the devaluation of some European currencies led to a good deal of unsettlement of conditions in trade and industries. All this devaluation was aimed at the stabilisation of their financial conditions by different countries and also with a view to prevent financial and industrial debacle. The Indian commercial community hoped that the Government of India might follow this policy initiated by European countries and devalue the Rupee to some extent. Unfortunately, the Government of India have still remained wedded to their peculiar currency doctrines and refused to budge from the position they have taken up all along. We still hope that Government will not continue to hold to the present ratio under the illusion that any change in the ratio might affect their prestige.

TRADE TREATIES.

The year also saw the initiation of negotiations for trade treaties as between India and Japan and India and Great Britain. An air of mystery surrounds these negotiations and the public is left wondering as to why there has been any delay and what the ultimate outcome will be.

INDIANS IN ZANZIBAR.

Recently the policy of excluding Indians from East Africa is stiffening up. Trade restrictions of a more or less onerous character are placed upon Indians and attempts are made, as in Zanzibar, to expropriate the longstanding rights of Indians on a large scale.

Mr. Binder's report has unfortunately failed to appreciate the Indian point of view as he has restricted himself to considering the economic interests of the territory as a whole. Indians are a part of the territory and he should have considered the repercussions of all the recent executive and legislative action on their interests. The Government of Zanzibar have admitted that the problem is a racial one, and if under the guise of economic advantage to Zanzibar the Indian interests are to be sacrificed from a racial point of view, the Government of India should step forward and take more vigorous action to safeguard these interests of which they are the custodians.

REPLY TO LANCASHIRE.

Mr. A. D. Campbell, President of the Indian Section of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, recently said that it was now abundantly clear that the decline of Lancashire's Indian trade was due to the excessive protection of the domestic industry rather than the Japanese competition which has been strictly limited in volume for ten years. These remarks are truly amazing!

Even the Mody-Lees Pact, agreed that the Indian Cotton Textile Industry was entitled for its progress and development to a reasonable measure of protection against imports of United Kingdom yarns and piecegoods.

Surely, it is not expected that India will now revert to the position which she once occupied when Lancashire goods were dumped here to any extent and were subjected to a trifling duty, the effect of which was nullified by an Excise duty of a similar character!

New President's Call

The Honourable Rajabahadur Govindlal Shivlal Motilal, the new President, said:—

I am deeply obliged to you all for electing me as President of the Indian Merchants' Chamber for the coming year. This Chamber, in its career of three decades, has built up such a prestige and reputation, that Presidentship of the Chamber is now deemed one of the highest honours to which an Indian businessman can aspire. I myself am not temperamentally much in favour of election fights or election agitation and, left to myself, I might not have stood for the Presidential election of the Chamber this year. There are times, however, when a call comes to one to take up certain duties and responsibilities,—a call which, both on moral and national considerations, one cannot refuse. Such a call came to me, when I was

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EDGAR WALLACE'S DETECTIVE STORY DAY BY DAY

Inspector Wade— **The Clever One**

COME OUT, MAE! I GOT HIM!
HERE I AM!
ONLY ONE?--I'M SURE I SAW TWO IN THE REAR-VIEW MIRROR!
YOU WERE SEEING DOUBLE THEN--THIS IS THE ONLY ONE--I BETTER MAKE SURE HE'S DONE FOR!
SUDDENLY A SHOT RINGS OUT FROM THE SIDE OF THE ROAD!
MOVE BACK, YOU MURDERERS! I WANT TO SEE---- DONAVAN!
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